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STEADY STUDY

第1話

CHAPTER 1

FOREWORD

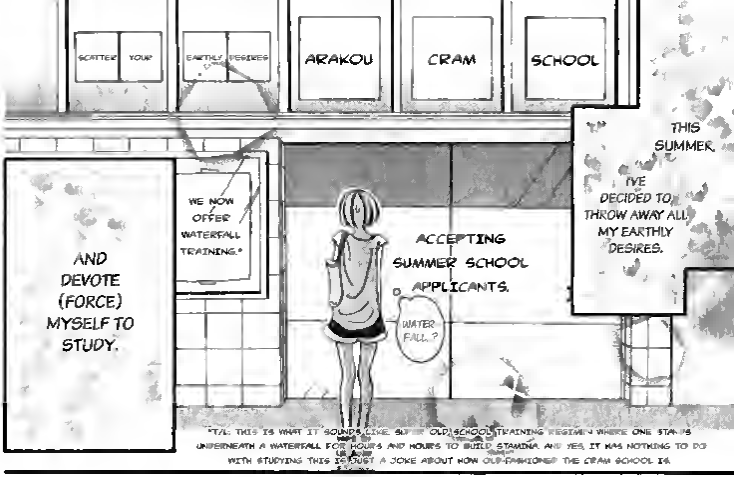
HELLO, THIS IS TAMURA KOTOYU. THANK YOU FOR CHECKING OUT MY FIRST FULL VOLUME WORK STEADY STUDY, WHICH I CALL STESTU FOR SHORT.

I WAS SO THRILLED ABOUT MY FIRST FULL VOLUME WORK THAT I DREW TONS OF STUFF ALL OVER THE BLANK PAGES AND IT ENDED UP BEING A DENSER BOOK THAN I EXPECTED.

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? IN THAT CASE

YOU,
HEY YOU,
読んじゃいなよYO!
READ THIS AND ENJOY!

IT'S BEEN 4 MONTHS SINCE I ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL.
I HEARD YOU'RE EASY, SO I WENT OUT WITH YOU, BUT...
EH?
LET'S BREAK UP.
AND SO, I'VE BEEN DUMPED BY MY FOURTH BOYFRIEND, IN JUST TWO WEEKS.
MY FINAL EXAMS WERE TERRIBLE
MOTHER
SUMMER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FORM
NAME
EEEEEE!
TYPICAL OF ME.


SCATTER YOUR EARTHLY DESIRES
ARAKOU CRAM SCHOOL
THIS SUMMER, I'VE DECIDED TO THROW AWAY ALL MY EARTHLY DESIRES.
WE NOW OFFER WATERFALL TRAINING.*
ACCEPTING SUMMER SCHOOL APPLICANTS.
WATER FALL...?
AND DEVOTE (FORCE) MYSELF TO STUDY.

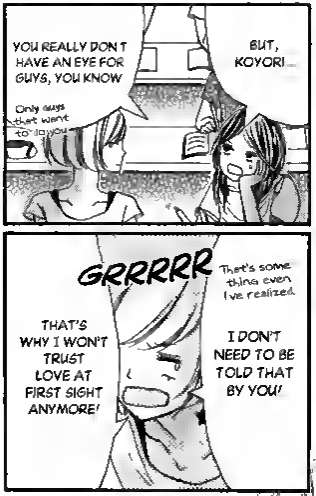
*T/L: THIS IS WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE, BUT OLD-SCHOOL TRAINING WHERE ONE STANDS UNDERNEATH A WATERFALL FOR HOURS AND HOURS TO BUILD STAMINA AND YES, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH STUDYING THIS IS JUST A JOKE ABOUT HOW OLD-FASHIONED THE CRAM SCHOOL IS.

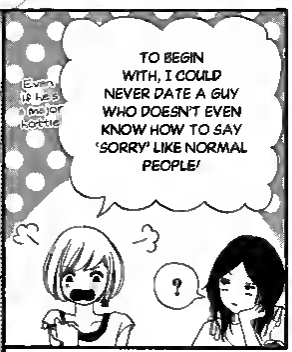
I'M GOING TO DISCIPLINE MYSELF AND ENROLL IN THIS STUDYING TEMPLE ALSO KNOWN AS A CRAM SCHOOL OKAY. EVEN IF IT'S JUST ME I'VE ACTUALLY SAID SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE!
ENOUGH ALREADY STANDING HERE WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
Uhuh.
EXCUSE ME —
Step Step
GEH!
DID THIS GUY JUST IGNORE THE FACT THAT HE HIT ME WITH HIS BAG?!
*SFX: BUMP
どんっ
AH?

WHAT?
JUST NOW, YOUR BAG...
KOYORI
UM, YOU SEE...
REIKO!
!!
!!
AFTER HIS BAG HIT SOMEONE?
DID THIS GUY JUST SAY "WHAT"?

YOU DIDN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH THAT GUY AT FIRST SIGHT, DID YOU?
SWAY
WAH.
SO, THAT GUY
WHAT A JERK.
IS ALSO A STUDENT HERE, HUH
Pass
Whirr
...NO WAY
THAT'S RIGHT UNTIL NOW.
I'VE ALWAYS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH GUYS AT FIRST SIGHT AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED GOING OUT WITH THEM.
THEN IN LIKE, 2 WEEKS (MORE OR LESS), I WOULD GET DUMPED.
THAT'S THE STORY OF MY (LOVE) LIFE.

STEADY STUDY

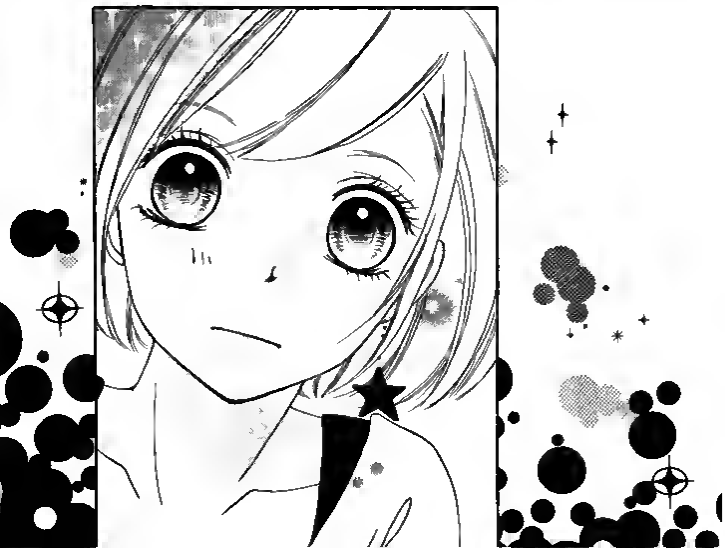

YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE AN EYE FOR GUYS, YOU KNOW
Only guys that want to "do" it with
BUT, KOYORI...
GRRRRR
That's some thing even I've realized.
THAT'S WHY I WON'T TRUST LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT ANYMORE!
I DON'T NEED TO BE TOLD THAT BY YOU!


Even if he's the last man on Earth
TO BEGIN WITH, I COULD NEVER DATE A GUY WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SAY 'SORRY' LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE!
?

HMM?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT THAT THIS LESSON ISN'T GETTING ANYWHERE
OI, TAKADA! YOU DON'T KNOW THIS?
I'M SORRY
I DON'T KNOW THIS
RATTLE
*KANJI ON BACK BOARD: GET AHEAD THIS SUMMER!
YOU'RE GOING TO SOLVE IT INSTEAD?
MINE?
WHAT IS IT?
THE JERK WITH THE BAG
HE'S THE ONE FROM EARLIER.
THAT GUY...
Scratch
Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch
Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch
Scratch Scratch Scratch
Scratch Scratch Scratch

CLATTER
Wah.
THUMP
MINE, THAT'S WRONG
*SFX BRUSH BRUSH

THIS GUY! EVEN THOUGH HE GOT UP LOOKING ALL COOL LIKE THAT,
HE STILL GOT IT WRONG
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
EHH...
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
AAAH~~ EVERYONE'S LAUGHING
SOMEHOW
EVEN ME
CHUCKLE
CHUCKLE
HOW UNCOOL!
tilt
WHISPER
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FEEL EMBARRASSED



HE'S SOMEWHAT OF AN INTERESTING PERSON.
TOUCH
NOT GOOD
WALK
WALK
WALK
WALK
WALK
I'M BARELY GOING MAKE IT!
GOING TO NAG ME~
THAT GUY IS TOTALLY
TAKADA THINKS SHE'S A BIG SHOT SHOWING UP WHENEVER SHE WANTS TO ON THE SECOND DAY OF CLASS.
IT'S ONLY THE SECOND DAY AND IF I'M LATE...

STRIKE OUT—!!
The class has already started
IN THIS FORMULA, YOU CAN FACTORIZE FROM HERE..
WHEEZE
ALRIGHT, NEXT QUESTION
WHEEZE
sneak
I WONDER IF I CAN SNEAK IN FROM THE BACK
turn
CRAP! THERE'S SOMEONE ALREADY SITTING THERE
!
IT'S MINE

!
Movies Over
grab
?
EH.
WAH!
WAH!

Lightly pulls
sits down
thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
STRANGE, ERRATIC HEARTBEAT...
AAH, THIS
.....
EHH...
HE'S BACK TO NORMAL ALREADY?!
Ah, that's right. We're in the middle of class.
UM...
THANK YO...

THANK YOU.
tap tap
Ah, crap!
HE DREW BACK.
I'm not really supposed to say such things.
THANKS.
THE CHAIR IS STILL WARM FROM MINE SITTING ON IT
usagi
BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR YESTERDAY.

YOU IDIOT
*BACK WALL LABELS, TOP TO BOTTOM: SET A// CURRY RICE// BBQ MEAT RICE BOWL// UDON
MIGHT BE GOOD
うどん
MINE
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER

BAM
YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING AT ALL!
YOU'RE JUST A WALKING BALL OF HORMONES.
COME ON!
She sounds like a parent.
I KNOW IT WAS MY FAULT FOR TALKING TO HIM DURING CLASS
SLURP SLURP SLURP!
KOYORI
WE'RE FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.
NAH, BUT THIS TIME,
I WONDER.
th-th-that surprised me...
I'VE LEARNT MY LESSON—!!
And what do you mean by walking ball of hormones?
WHAT?
?
ABOUT MY REPUTATION
I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS

MY FIRST BOYFRIEND THAT I HAD RIGHT AFTER ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL
WAS VERY EXPERIENCED
...WAIT...
HEY...
RUSH
I MIGHT HAVE HURT HIS PRIDE WHEN I REFUSED HIM.
GEEZ... YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...YOU...
HE SPREAD RUMORS AROUND THAT I WAS AN 'EASY GIRL'.

Well,
I HAVE IT FIGURED OUT AS LONG AS HE ISN'T LIKE THE OTHERS,
BELIEVING THOSE RUMORS AND PURSUING ME WITH ONLY THAT IN MIND
KOYORI
YOU'RE WRONG. FIRST, YOU MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT THINKING OF YOURS.
DON'T GO AROUND SAYING 'I LIKE YOU' THAT EASILY.
YOU'RE JUST ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE YOURSELF.
I KNOW THAT.

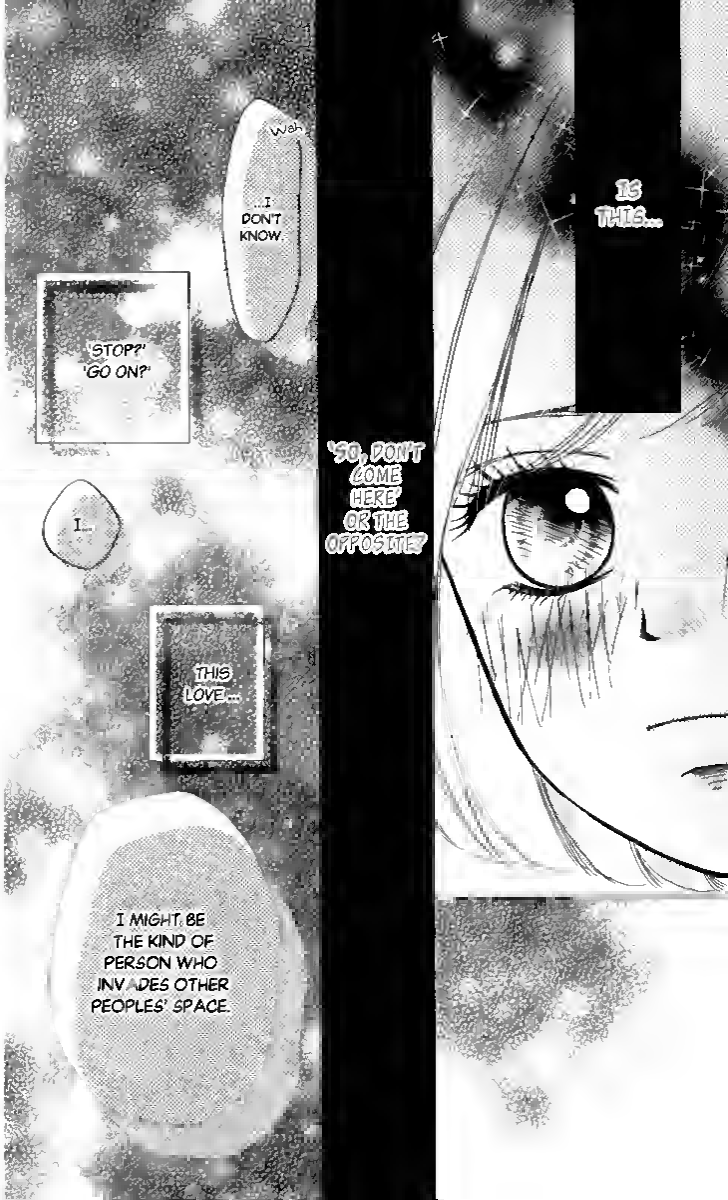
BUT,
I WANT TO BE IN LOVE.
I WANT TO FIND A HAPPY LOVE.
WHERE WE CAN PROGRESS AT THE SAME SPEED
IT'S FINE, I JUST WANTED TO SAY IT
Chew
IS THAT SO? FINE BY ME, BITCH
Uh
WAIT A SEC!
You're being cruel again
OH,
SPEAKING ABOUT RUMORS..

OH.
RATTLE
WELL,
THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL
HE WAS EYE-CATCHING FROM THE BEGINNING
MINE.
HE'S SURROUNDED
AH
IS HE OKAY?
Kya!
Kya!

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE UDON IF YOU DON'T.
YOU HAVE TO EAT IT FAST
Udon-chan
EAT ME!
IT'S FINE THIS ISN'T SOME FAIRY TALE WHERE UDON COMES TO LIFE.
No.
THAT FACE
!
CLATTER
THANKS. YOU SAVED ME BACK THERE.
THE UDON* WAS ABOUT TO GO STALE.
*T/N: *UDON IS A TYPE OF THICK WHEAT FLOUR NOODLE OFJAPANESE CUISINE.
DID I FREAK HIM OUT A BIT?
JUST JOKING
JUST AS I THOUGHT
Ah.
You're wrong!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
I WAS THINKING OF THE PERSON WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE IT TASTE GOOD...
YEAH,
THAT'S IT.

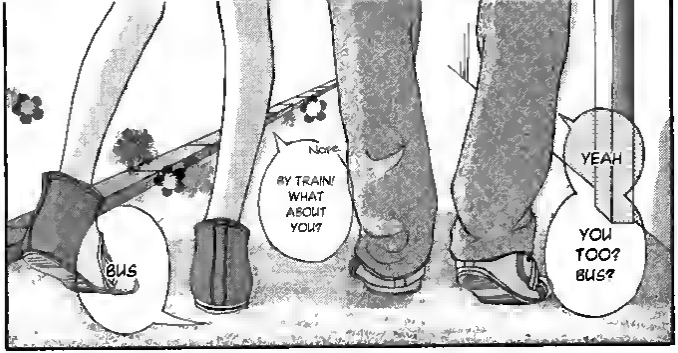
KOYORI
BLUSH
WH-WH-WHAT?
EH WHAT?
HE SAID
'KOYORI'
..YOU KNOW, KOYORI,
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU AREN'T THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING
HUH?!
SHOCK
AH!
BUT THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY THE CASE!
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT YOU SEE

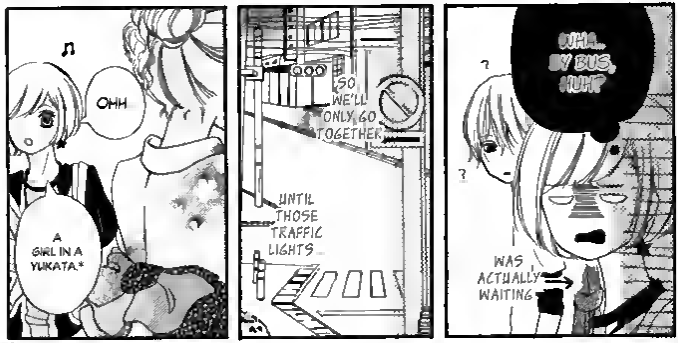
I DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU PRY INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS INSENSITIVELY
I WAS THINKING THAT SUCH THINGS ARE KIND OF NICE


Is this...
"So, don't come here" or the opposite?
Wah
...I don't know.
"Stop?" "Go on?"
I...
This love...
I might be the kind of person who invades other peoples' space.

PLEASE RETURN UTENSILS WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED.
HAHAHA
THAT'S FINE.

AH, IT ACCELERATED.





*T/L A YUKATA IS A JAPANESE GARMENT A CASUAL SUMMER KIMONO USUALLY MADE OF COTTON OR SYNTHETIC FABRIC AND UNLINED

IS THAT SO?
A TEMPLE FESTIVAL, HUH—?
HMMM—
I WANT TO GO
.....
TOGETHER.

TOGETHER WITH
MINE.

LET'S GO.
NO.
I CAN'T DO IT.
I WON'T STOP
BECAUSE I'M SURE
MINE FEELS THE SAME WAY.

*RIGHT STALL SIGN: FRENCH FRIES
*LEFT STALL SIGN: YAKITORI
*TL: OR GRILLED CHICKEN

I LIKE HIM.

*SFX: BUMP

WHAT THE
There
in front
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU BUMPED INTO ME THE FIRST TIME WE MET, AS WELL
EH?
REALLY?!
Sorry! I didn't know it
REALLY? SORRY!
EHH—
MINE YOU HIT ME WITH YOUR BAG
Pout
ARE YOU OKAY?
*STALL SIGN YAKITORI (GRILLED CHICKEN)
HUH—
ISN'T THAT TAKADA -SAN?!
I TOLD YOU THE OTHER DAY... DIDN'T I?
IT'S THE GIRL WHO STOLE THE GUY MIYA LIKES!
AH, THIS GIRL?
EH, SHE'S NOTHING SPECIAL IS SHE?
WHO? SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
HYAHA HAHA!
That's true—
WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE?... WHAT DO I SAY?...

WHO'S THIS MIYA?
I don't know her so how should I know who she likes
HUH BUT ISN'T THAT A DIFFERENT GUY?
YOU'RE RIGHT...THAT MEANS
THIS IS
SHE'S ALREADY GOT A NEW BOYFRIEND?
A BIT
POPULAR GIRLS ARE DIFFERENT.
UNCOM-FORTABLE.
MINE, LET'S GO.
OR, RATHER THAN BEING POPULAR, SHE'S PROBABLY EASY.
DON'T SAY ANYMORE THAN THAT.
I'M NOT HER BOYFRIEND.

WE'RE JUST HERE TOGETHER.
YOU SHOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS SO EASILY.

What's with this guy?!
Let's go
Ha?
...KOYORI?
DON'T GO AROUND SAYING 'I LIKE YOU' SO EASILY
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M SURE MINE.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS SO EASILY
BUT...
I'M NOT HER BOYFRIEND.

IT'S
IT'S TRUE THAT THE TWO OF US HAD A LOT OF FUN COMING HERE TODAY...
NOT THAT I FALL IN LOVE EASILY, OKAY.

I
REALLY
IT'S DIFFERENT
BUT IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN JUST THAT.
FROM BEFORE.
THAT'S NOT IT.
LIKE MINE...

SORRY.
I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL THOSE GIRLS FIRST.
I'M SORRY FOR BEING STUBBORN.
REALLY.
I DEFINITELY
THIS LOVE...

WANT TO TREASURE IT.
KOYORI...
I LIKE YOU.
GO OUT WITH ME.

★ Steady Study talk (1) ★

I'LL BE DRAWING IT FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. TO KICK OFF THIS NEW SERIALIZATION, I'M GONNA STICK IN LOTS OF SIDE-JOKES (STUPID JOKES THAT AREN'T DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE STORY). YAHOO!! I'VE BEEN HYPERACTIVE LIKE THAT RECENTLY. I RE-READ MY FAVOURITE MANGA TO RESEARCH WAYS TO MAKE MY SIDE-JOKES 15 TIMES FUNNIER. HOWEVER, MEETINGS WERE PILING UP AND I REALIZED THAT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE DOING THINGS LIKE THAT, SO I ADJUSTED MY MINDSET AND SOMEHOW GOT THE FIRST CHAPTER FINISHED.

...FINALLY...IT'S COMPLETED...THE FIRST CHAPTER...!!

Muah ha ha

THE WORD'S CHAPTER ONE HAVE A SWEET RING TO THEM, AND FOR JUST A MOMENT I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BECOME DRUNK ON THE FEELING. NOW I'M GOING TO RUN INTO AN EVEN GREATER WALL WITH THE SECOND CHAPTER.

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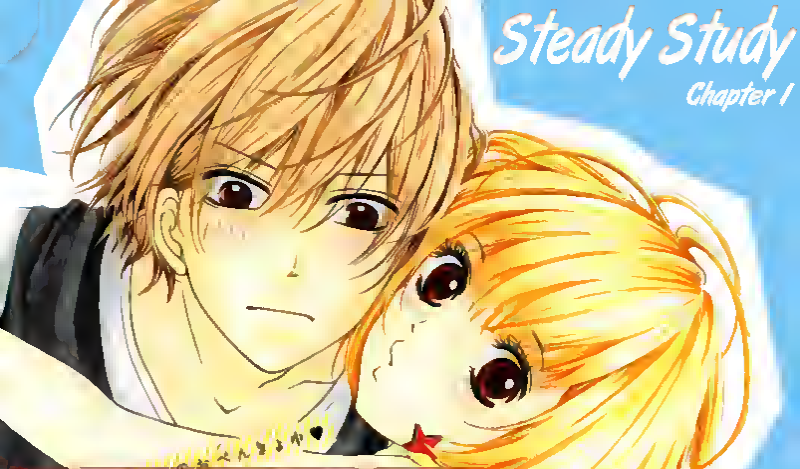
Steady Study

Chapter 1



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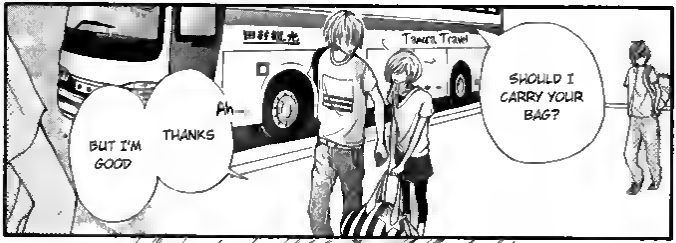
Chapter
Two

This is happiness
YORI?
THANKS.
GUM?
We've started going out
I have a feeling ♡♡
Though it's a bit fast,
He can't even write his own name.
I feel sorry for Mine!
He hasn't noticed
BUZZ

Our first trip together ♡
NOBODY'S EATING, RIGHT—?
Sweets
Chocolate
Gum
Banana
We're on a 3 day, 2 night training camp for our cram school.
SNACKS ARE FORBIDDEN DURING TRAINING CAMP!!!
Haha
WON'T THE NORMAL COURSE BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR YOU?
HUH?
HAH?
Special Course
Camp Schedule
Camp Schedule Regular Course
I WISH I WAS ON THE SPECIAL COURSE WITH MINE
OUR SCHEDULES WERE REALLY DIFFERENT
LOOKS LIKE THIS EVENING WE HAVE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME STAYING IN OUR ROOMS FOR SELF-STUDY.
There's no point in having our self-study at the same time. What can we actually do in self-study time, anyway?
UMM
ABOUT TONIGHT
WE'RE HERE!
TEAM LEADERS, PLEASE GATHER YOUR TEAMS AND MEET IN FRONT OF THE LODGING HOUSE ENTRANCE!

.....

EH?
AH—I'M A TEAM LEADER!
OH! RIGHT!
Of course, you need to leave right now!
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE FAST


Travel Travel
SHOULD I CARRY YOUR BAG?
Ah—
THANKS
BUT I'M GOOD

I thought I was going to be spending every second with Mine...
But it's different, it's not a holiday after all.
Ahh— ah...
We're in different courses and our rooms are separate too.

LIM, ABOUT TONIGHT
TAKADA?
YOH?
HMM?
TURNS
Again?!
HUH?
BINGO.

"First boyfriend."

"Easy girl."

Be?
Be?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AHH... ME?
I'M IN THE 'LODGING ONLY' GROUP
Urgh—
He's the worst!
...Okay, I guess.
.....
About that guy being here, too...
WE'RE IN THE SAME CRAM SCHOOL
IT'S A COINCIDENCE

BY THE WAY, TAKADA...
EH?
AH!
If I just ignore him...
SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
Is it okay to ignore him?
.....
WE WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL.
AH, KINDA
BUT, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW HIM.

make Mine worry about it.
OH, RIGHT
I don't want to...
AH!
I've got to hurry
THAT'S ME
SO, YORI...
HMM?
ABOUT TONIGHT...
OI! TEAM LEADERS THAT HAVEN'T GATHERED YET... HURRY UP!

だ
YORI
CAN WE RUN AWAY DURING SELF-STUDY TONIGHT?
SFX BAM
MAY
MAYBE
I...

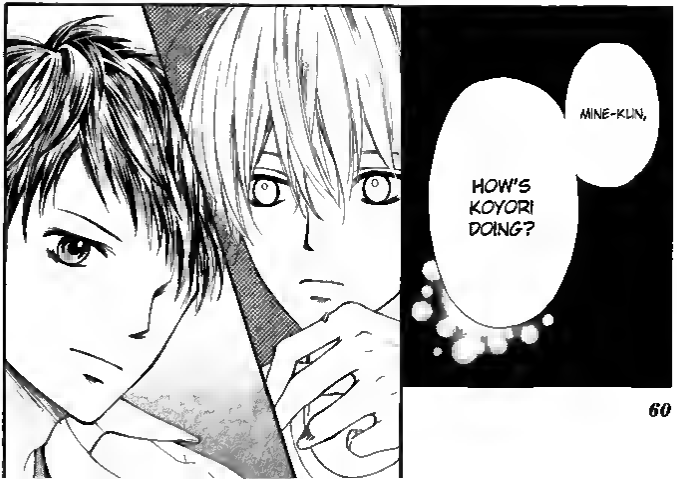
I WANT IT TO BE JUST THE TWO OF US, IN THE EVENINGS AT LEAST.

NODS
GOOD.
Meeting Room 1
Remedial classes will be conducted in here.

*T/N: Yori makes a mistake with her name and writes "yoru" – evening, instead of the character "yori" since she's excited about her evening date.

*T/N: lit. 'Hiru yasu mine', which gets Yori's heart beating when she hears Mine's name again!

glance
WIPE
I'M OKITA.
.....
OH, HI. I'M MINE.
HE—LLO.


MINE-KUN,
HOW'S KOYORI DOING?

SOME THINGS?
THERE WERE SOME THINGS GOING AROUND AT SCHOOL, SO I WAS WORRIED..
Ah
SORRY IT'S SO SUDDEN
IT WAS A PRETTY AWFUL EXPERIENCE
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE WAS APPROACHED BY WEIRD GUYS
TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, THEY'RE CALLING HER AN EASY GIRL.
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THOSE GUYS!
AH, BUT DON'T WORRY!

ONLY...
ALL SHE SAID WAS, "I CAN'T FORGET MY FIRST BOY-FRIEND."
AH...
SORRY, MINE-KUN.
THAT
WOULD BE ME.
FIRST BOY-FRIEND?

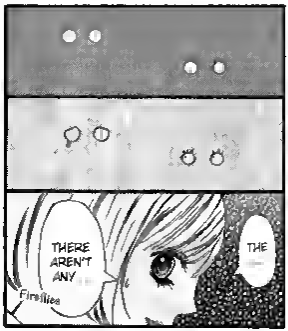
WHA-
Bastard
Haa-ah
LIAR.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, BUT...
DON'T YOU KNOW WHEN THAT GIRL'S LYING TO YOU?

"But I didn't really know him."

SHE WON'T TELL ME FOR NOW.
BUT I DO KNOW THAT YORI HATES YOU SO MUCH, SHE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

You piss me off
ALSO, SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T CALL HER 'THAT GIRL'
Like you?!
glance
glance
glance
glance
YORI
CLICK
RUSTLE
OVER HERE.
UWA AAA H!
TURN
MINE...

READY TO GO?
YEAH.
Haha!
SORRY
I went overboard.
S-S-S-SC
SC-SCARE
SCA-... SCARED ME...
worn out
SO..♡
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
EH? THAT'S NOT TRUE
HUH? MINE, YOU DON'T LOOK VERY HAPPY.
REALLY?
...THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A REALLY FAMOUS FIREFLY SPOT AROUND HERE
...YEAH. I THOUGHT YOU'D REALLY LIKE THAT KIND OF THING...
EH? REALLY?
.....


THERE AREN'T ANY...
THE
Fireflies

PITCH BLACK
...BUT...
gurgle gurgle
gurgle gurgle gurgle
(The sound of the river)

THE TRUTH IS

I WANTED TO CELEBRATE OUR 2 WEEK ANNIVERSARY
BY HAVING FUN WITH YORI.
SO...

I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU WITH THE FIREFLIES, AND MAKE YOU GO "WOW!"
WOW?
SORRY...
I...

I like Mine's eyes when he looks straight at me.
And I like his cheeks when he's a little embarrassed too.
And...
MINE.

pou
nce
Heh
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HE...
HEH
HEH...
BE-
BECAUSE I AM
HAPPY
Heh
heh
heh

COME TOMORROW TOO?
WILL YOU...

And...
I like his lips
that are slowly getting hotter.

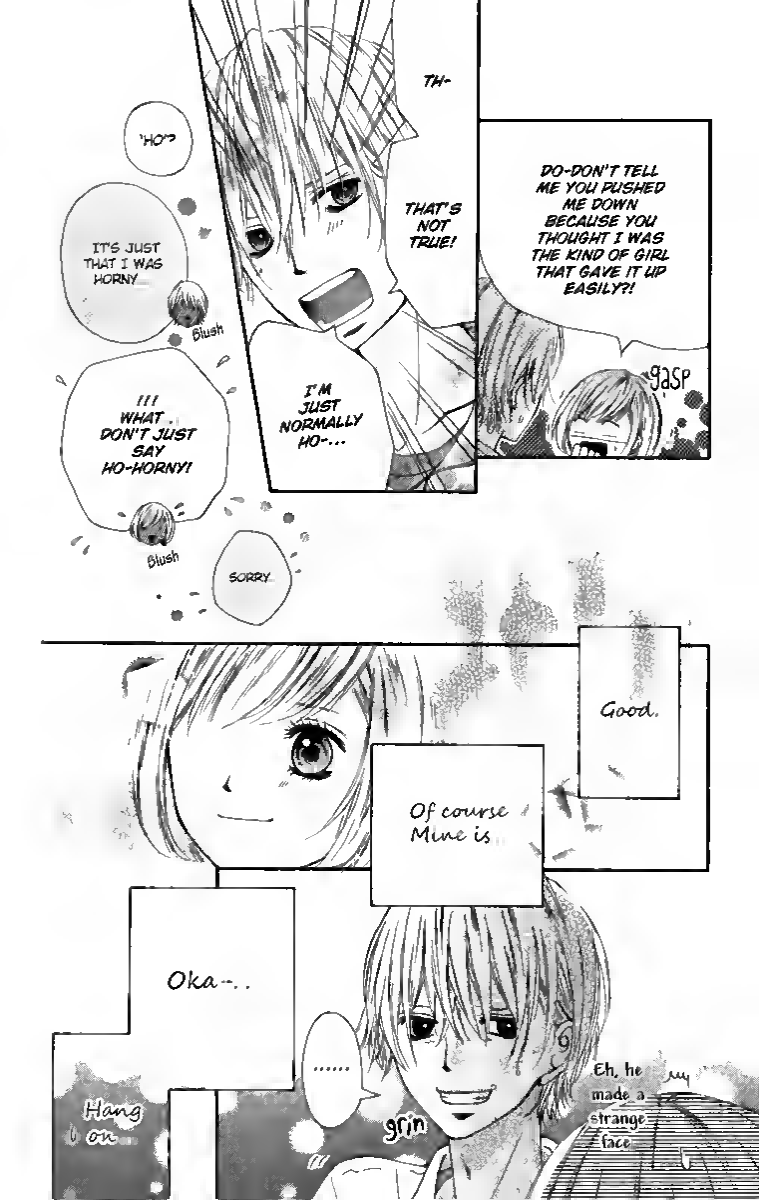
WAH.
. EH...?

Mine!!
Mine!
Mine..?
EH? EH??
WA-
No, that's not the point here!!
What's heating up now?!
Having my first time outside is a lot
DON'T JUST SAY 'HMM'
Were outside!
HMM
MI MINE
Wait! Wait a minute!!

...MINE.
to go that far.
I'm not ready
No

SFX: SWOOOSH
MINE
ぶんっ
...
...SO SORRY...
...!!
There's a twig stuck on you.
OKITA?
...MINE, ARE YOU MAD!?
!.....

WHAT ?
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT OKITA?
HOW...DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OKITA?
.....
He even told Mine!
Bastard!
c'mon
MINE!
I CAN JUST IMAGINE WHAT OKITA SAID, BUT...
IT'S ALL LIES!
!

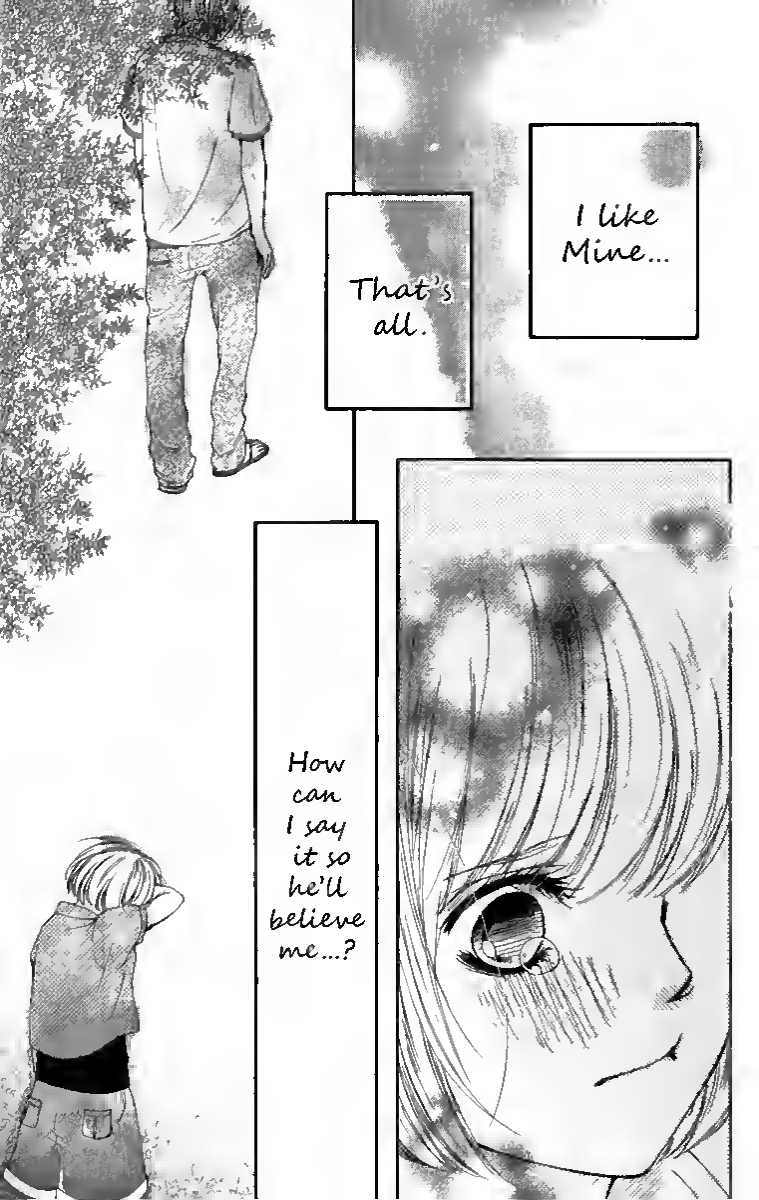

TH-
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I'M JUST NORMALLY HO-...
DO-DON'T TELL ME YOU PUSHED ME DOWN BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT I WAS THE KIND OF GIRL THAT GAVE IT UP EASILY?!
gasp
'HO'?
IT'S JUST THAT I WAS HORNY...
Blush
!!! WHAT. DON'T JUST SAY HO-HORNY!
Blush
SORRY
Good.
Of course Mine is
Oka-..
Hang on
.....
grin
Eh, he made a strange face

Something isn't...
!
JUMP
THERE SOMETHING ELSE BUGGING YOU?
Your face is scary.
MINE... IS...
'Don't you know when you are being lied to?'
That would be me.
'I can't forget my first boyfriend.'
...
Ah RIGHT
MM HMM
!
Ah ABOUT OKITA.
IS HE REALLY YOUR EX-BOYFRIEND?
I see, he told him that too...
SORRY. .

...IS THAT AN APOLOGY
FOR TELLING ME THAT OKITA WAS 'SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW'?
OR
WAS IT...
HUH?
DO I STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR OKITA?
BECAUSE YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR OKITA?
I MEAN, HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH.
DON'T TELL ME... MINE...

SNATCH
YOU'RE WORRIED BY SUCH TRIVIAL THINGS?!
!
TRIVIAL THINGS?
OKAY I'M LISTENING
Oh no.
KOYORI
I screwed up.
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING WHEN WE FIRST MET OKITA?
He pulled his hand away.

What should I do?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT?
What should I do?
THAT'S ..
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO WORRY ..


I like Mine...
That's all.
How can I say it so he'll believe me...?

STEADY STUDY TALK 2

The biggest barrier of Chapter 2 is, yes, Okita. Through Okita, I realized how tough it is to increase the number of the characters, even if it's just by one person. The tough things is, (in my case) I put too much effort into Okita.

Like, I try to let him hog all the credit or make Mine and Koyori act to his advantage. I don't see why I had such a hard time to convince myself that "Okita is just a supporting character". Now, I want to shout,

I LOVE OKITA!

By the way, speaking of Okita, his character setting was "a fashionable guy who gets pissed off with a splash of curry udon soup on his clothes" when I first came up with the story. So, he was given a nickname, "Curry Udon Okita". I bet there is a curry udon shop with the name like that.

To be continued to in Chapter 3

Steady Study

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Chapter Three

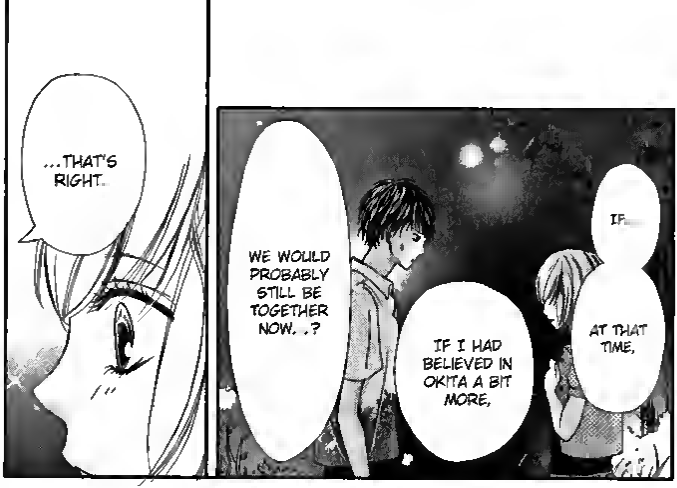
Even though I love him,
I never knew that these kind of things actually happened.
Mine——…

Somehow, he really got into the whole mineral thing.
Because you know, I am mineral (minerals) my name is Mine!
Pfft-
Pfft-
Hahaha
YOU MADE SOME OMU-RICE!*
YOU ALSO MADE IT SO NUTRITIOUS SO I WOULDN'T GET SICK
*(omelet with rice)
I'm disappointed in this kind of Mine! 2

Rustle
Huh?
SO YOU WERE WAITING IN THE END, HUH?
MINE.
WHY IS OKITA HERE...?
JUST NOW, MINE PASSED BY LOOKING LIKE A DEAD MAN,
SO I THOUGHT...
Mine...
He really did leave...
sniff

WHEN I TRIED, YOU ALWAYS REFUSED.
WERE YOU REJECTED AGAIN?
O-
OF COURSE NOT!
IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK OUT FOR YOU ANYWAY.
AH,
I-I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT YOU WANTED TO BREAK UP!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
...HUH?

AT THAT TIME, DID I EVER SAY, "LET'S BREAK UP"?
GRAB
I...
I DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH YOU!
HUH, WAIT A MINUTE...!
WHAT..?
DON'T JOKE WITH ME
EH?
Then all this time it was just my misunderstanding...?
THEN


IF...
AT THAT TIME,
IF I HAD BELIEVED IN OKITA A BIT MORE,
WE WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE TOGETHER NOW. .?
...THAT'S RIGHT.

.....

"SUCH AN EASY WOMAN."
So up until now...
that I didn't even hear his proper response...
I was worried about those rumors so much

IF I WANT MINE TO BELIEVE IN ME,
FIRST,
I HAVE TO BELIEVE
I CAN'T KEEP MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH ME AGAIN?
SO, KOYORI...
IN HIM
Step
I WANT TO SEE MINE...

YOU TWO GET BACK TOGETHER? ARE YOU STUPID...?
Hmm?
Hit
FLICK
ARGH!
EH?
OKITA (UNCONSCIOUS)
RUBBER BAND (DEADLY WEAPON)
thud

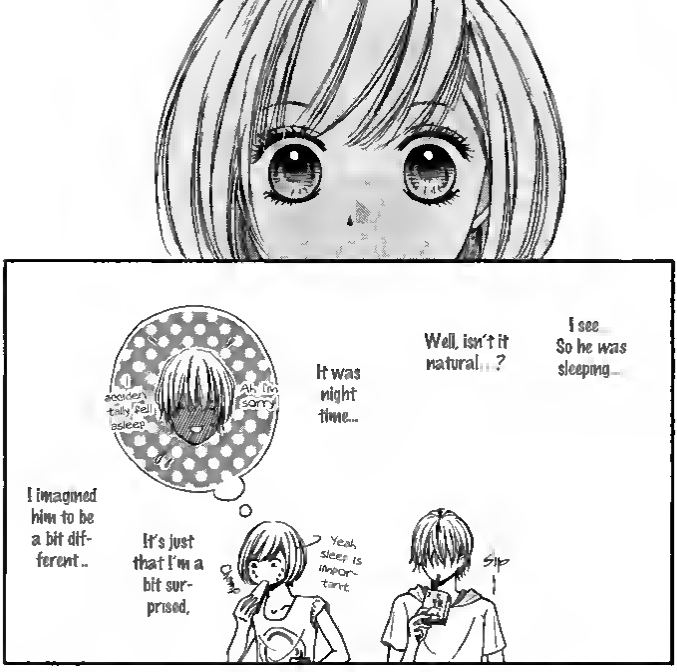
Mine.
YORI...
SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU BEHIND. I JUST HAD SOMETHING TO DO...
It's Mine.
NO...IT'S MY FAULT AS WELL. YOU CAME BACK. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAVING FUN.
SNIPER MINE.
What's with that ose?
...BUT YOU SEEM REFRESHED.
EH?

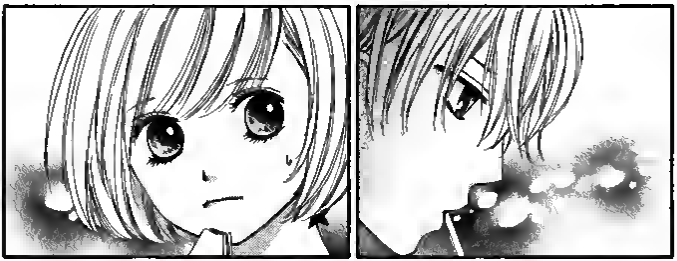
SOMEHOW, THAT GUY IS SOOO IRRITATING!
.....
GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOU AND CALLING YOU SO FAMILIARLY. THAT'S WHAT'S MAKING ME ANGRY
THAT GUY
BUT, THE MOST ANNOYING THING IS...
THE THOUGHT OF HOW JEALOUS I WAS BECAUSE OF THAT KIND OF GUY.
I EVEN MADE YORI CRY.
I'M SORRY FOR SAYING SUCH CRUEL THINGS TO YOU.

ME...ME TOO...
SOB
AH, YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED
I'M SORRY TOO...
I LIKE YOU, MINE~
FIGHTING,
RECONCILING,
...BUT WHY WERE YOU SO TENSE, MINE? DID YOU
WOW! YOUR WEAPON WAS RUBBER BAND THOUGH...
AND AGAIN
I WONDER IF OKITA IS OKAY. HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS.
AN OTHER CHIKA KNOCK OUT
YOU THINK SO?
HE'LL BE ALRIGHT IT WAS JUST A RUBBER BAND
RIGHT, JUST A RUBBER BAND
YEAH, A RUBBER BAND

MOVING TOGETHER AT THE SAME PACE
SENDING
FLICK
To YAKUNARI MINE
Sub (non title)
I love you Mine ♡
Good night. ♡♡♡
NO NO PROBABLY NOT HONEY
ME TOO ♡ GOOD NIGHT, HONEY.
SMILE SMILE
Chirp Chirp
HUH...?
Chirp Chirp

Morning Meeting Hall
HMMM.
Ah, I FOUND HIM, MINE!
HE DIDN'T REPLY ..
Maybe he went straight to sleep ?
MORNING!
BATTER
HEY~ MINE~ I SENT YOU A MESSAGE YESTER-DAY~...
SORRY, I WAS SLEEPING.
BYE
?
POKE
MORNING.


I accidentally fell asleep
Ah, I'm sorry
It was night time...
Well, isn't it natural...?
I see... So he was sleeping...
I imagined him to be a bit different..
It's just that I'm a bit surprised,
Yeah, sleep is important
Slip



YESTERDAY, I HAD A DREAM ABOUT MINE!
Ah!
I JUST REMEMBERED,

Ya-y!
HMMM
CHOMP
Coffee milk
Ummm
...AH!
Pass
Coffee milk
CAN I TRY IT?
Sip
IS THAT COFFEE MILK, MINE?
I just noticed that it's not natural milk!
AWWWW

EH...
IT'S SO GOOD!
THEN JUST TAKE IT.
CLATTER
Huh.
IN THE END,
SHOCK
GIVE ME SOME OF THAT
WHAT?
WHERE'S YOUR OWN?
MINE'S STILL COLD-HEARTED!

I THINK MINE IS STILL THE SAME AS ALWAYS...?
EH? IS THAT SO?
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MINE IS AWKWARD SINCE YOU DON'T COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER PROPERLY I SEE...
RIGHT... SOMEHOW...
Mine, you're steaming in here
Hmm
EH?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I've been there from the beginning
OH, RIGHT... WHY DID YOU HAVE MOVE TO THE BOARDING HOUSE REIKO?
But somehow...
that I didn't like Mine at first...
"WHAT?"
Well ..I guess it's true

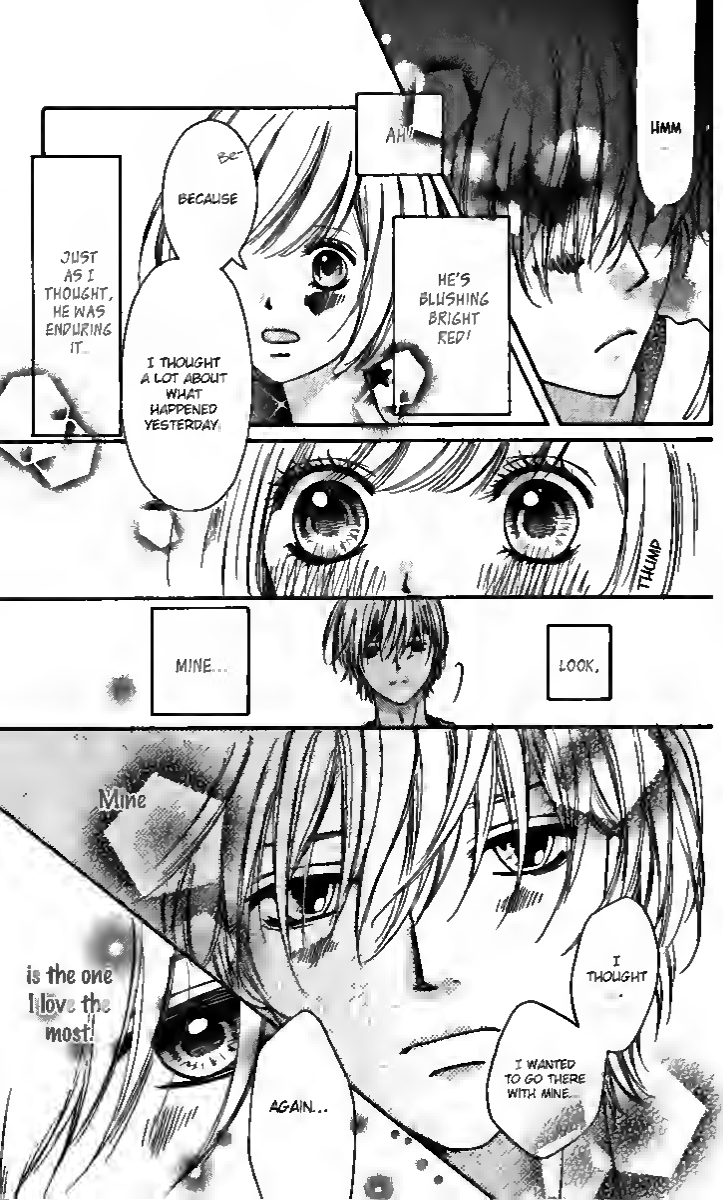
Everything's so boring without him...
What a funny face!
KOYORI, THE TRUTH IS THAT DOUBLE PERSONALITY OF YOURS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU AND MINE HAVE IN COMMON
I'LL DO EVERYTHING TO MAKE THAT MASK DISAPPEAR!
MINE IS IMPORTANT TO ME!
THAT'S IT!
...That's why...
I don't understand
why he's acting so cold after we've just made up...?

When I think about it, that kind of cold behavior
is rather unnatural
Normally it would be the opposite
HMM?
A can full of water
DIDN'T MEAN TO ACT LIKE THAT
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT MINE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
I DECIDED TO BELIEVE IN MINE.

SIGH
MINE!
UMM
WILL YOU SKIP AFTERNOON LESSONS WITH ME...?
WHY?
.....

WE'RE WALKING TO THE SAME BOARDING HOUSE ♡
BE-CAUSE.
Eh
IF WE'RE JUST GOING TO STUDY WHEN WE GET THERE, THEN I CAN SKIP
Eeee
I CAN'T
Such a cool person
AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
DO YOU REMEMBER THE DREAM I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT THIS MORNING?

...AH
YEAH
OH!
AND SO?
WELL. IN THE DREAM,
WE WENT TO THE SAME PLACE AS YESTERDAY!!
THE OTHER DAY


HMM
AH!
BE-
BECAUSE
JUST AS I THOUGHT, HE WAS ENDURING IT...
HE'S BLUSHING BRIGHT RED!
I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
THUMP
MINE...
LOOK,
Mine
is the one I love the most!
I THOUGHT
I WANTED TO GO THERE WITH MINE...
AGAIN...

so...

EXACTLY,
YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WHAT IS IT ..

...I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND,
BUT IT FEELS LIKE I WANT TO GIVE IT A TRY...

BE-
.....
thump
BECAUSE TODAY,
MINE...WAS ACTING DIFFERENTLY FROM USUAL...SO I GOT A BIT ANXIOUS...
:
ANXI-OUS...? WHY?
I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
NO! IT'S DIFFERENT.

I'M MINE'S GIRLFRIEND!
BECAUSE I'M NO LONGER JUST SOME ORDINARY PERSON.
PO
OF
AH!

STOP IT!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, AFTER ALL! I GIVE UP!
IT'S SHOWING!
SERIOUSLY, I'M GIVING UP!
GIVE UP?
EH?
MINE...?
What's going on?
Seriously
I'M SO GIVING UP!
I WAS ALWAYS SHOWING THIS TEMPER OF MINE WHEN I'M WITH YOU, YORI.
EH...?
LIKE, I ALWAYS GET FREAKED OUT, TALK NONSENSE AND MAKE YOU CRY.
HUH...?
BESIDES, I GET OUT OF CONTROL WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT...
I don't even know why my ultimate weapon is a rupiah either.
WHAT?
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT...

JEEZ! I KNOW I AM THE WORST!
THAT'S WHY
I TRIED TO DO MY BEST AND ACT NORMALLY...
IS THE SAME AS ME?
MINE
SO HE WASN'T WEARING A MASK...?
MINE!
ME TOO..
I'M ALSO THE SAME
JUST BE THE REAL YOU!
WHEN YOU'RE WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO ACT.

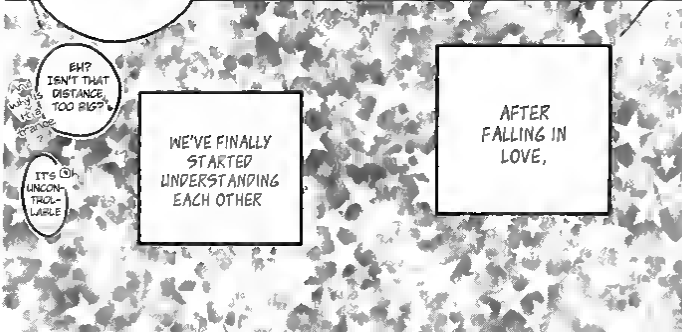
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
IT'S NOT THAT I AM PRETEND-ING...
IT'S JUST THAT...
YORI, YOU'RE MY VERY FIRST GIRLFRIEND.

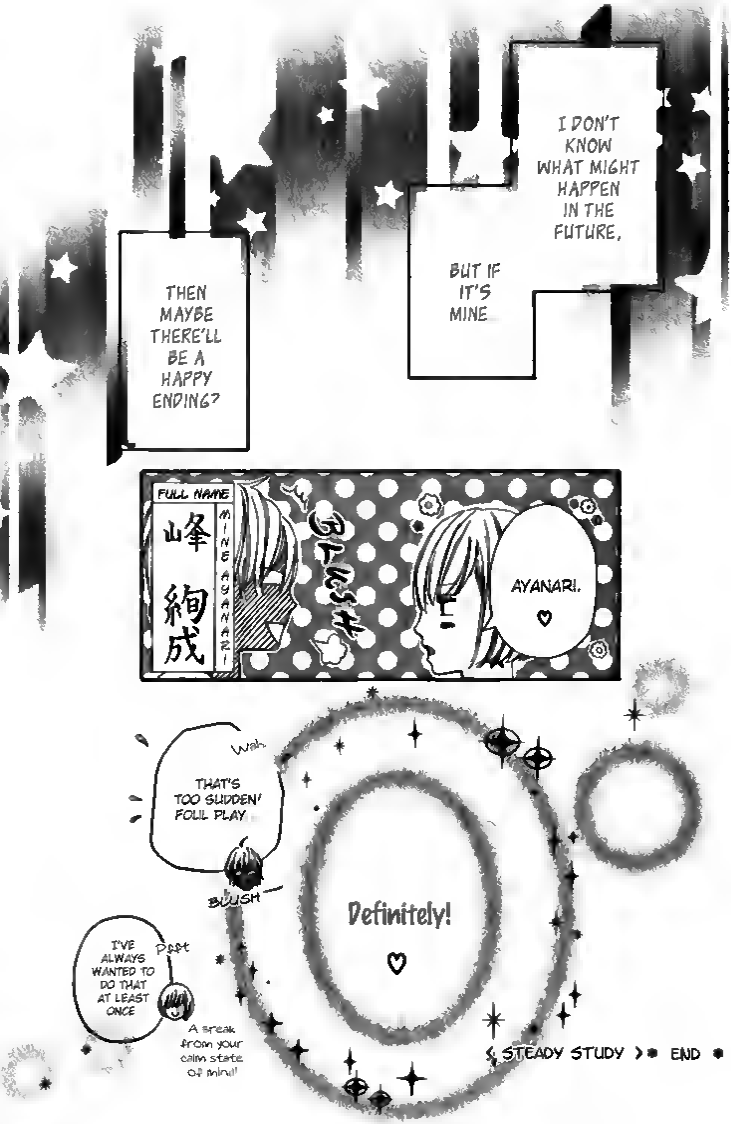
EHH?!
Shock
.....

Huh?
NO! NO WAY!
Seat of honor?
BUT!
...I THOUGHT YOU'D HATE ME.

THAT KISS YESTERDAY, WHEN WE MADE UP...YOU WERE SO GOOD AT IT...SO I THOUGHT...
YOU WERE EXPERI-ENCED!
You're like a kissing expert
Moves closer
EH...
Mumble
...EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT, I WAS IN A STATE WHERE... I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW...WHAT I WAS DOING...
Mumble...
?
SOME KIND OF TRANCE?

BUT...
BLUSH
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M IN A TRANCE EVEN NOW.
I'LL EXPLAIN!
WHENEVER YORI'S WITHIN A 50 METER DISTANCE FROM ME, I UNINTENTIONALLY FALL INTO A TRANCE.
WAIT.
...WHY ARE YOU STILL IN A TRANCE...?


EH? ISN'T THAT DISTANCE TOO BIG?
IT'S UNCONTROLLABLE
WE'VE FINALLY STARTED UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER
AFTER FALLING IN LOVE,


I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE,
BUT IF IT'S MINE
THEN MAYBE THERE'LL BE A HAPPY ENDING?
FULL NAME
山峯 絢成
MINE AYANARI
BLUSH
AYANARI.
Wah
THAT'S TOO SUDDEN! FOUL PLAY
BLUSH
Definitely!
Pppt
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT AT LEAST ONCE
A break from your calm state of mind!
STEADY STUDY
END

★ Steady Study Talk 3 ★

A man who collapses because of a rubber band that is Okita

Shinji

After a lot of wandering, I could finally finish Steady Study. I'd been waiting for the opportunity to let everyone know more about Koyori's friend, Reiko, but, in the end, she didn't really show up much in the main story.

Her full name is Reiko Osaka. Someone once said to me "Why don't you use a character named Osaka that speaks Kansai dialect in the story?" and I immediately adopted it. Great idea!

For your information, neither Reiko nor her parents were born in Osaka. One day, suddenly,

Mom: Hey! Is it okay if we speak standard Japanese despite our family name being "Osaka"?!

Dad: That's true!

Their whole family then moved to Osaka and came back to Tokyo after 5 years of training themselves in the Kansai dialect. There's no problem if Osaka-san speaks Tokyo dialect, though. They are an upbeat and active family.

Steady Study Talk.
END

Steady Study

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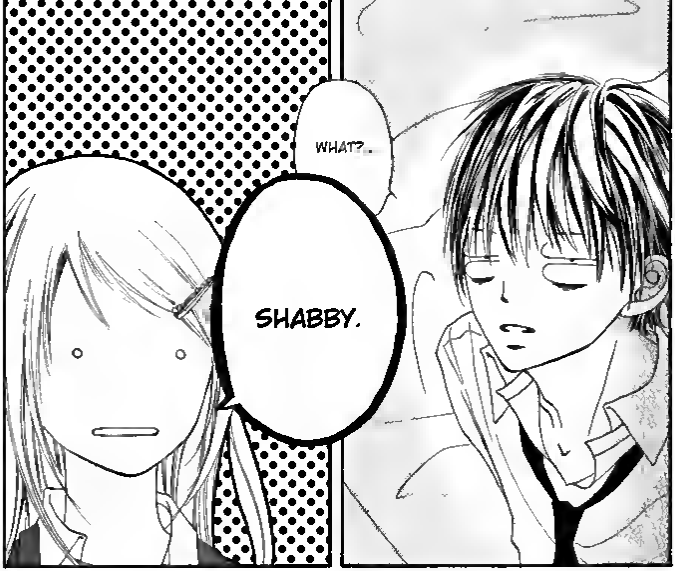
You're Not Supposed
To
Take Off Those Glasses

INFIRMARY
SORRY
SNIFF
I'M THE KIND OF PERSON
WHO CAN'T CONTAIN HER CURIOSITY
GULP
THAT ERA NEVER TAKES OFF HIS GLASSES
IT MUST BE TRUE THAT HE'S ACTUALLY A BISHOUNEN *
*A bishoun'en is a handsome guy
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER TAKEN THEM OFF NOT AT SCHOOL, ANYWAY
.....

I JUST HAPPENED TO COME TO THE INFIRMARY,
snore
snore
tip-toe
tip-toe
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND ERA SLEEPING HERE
Luckily, he sleeps like a log.
I MUST LEARN THE TRUTH!
MHM...
Is he handsome...?
Ack!
Do I wake him up?
Handsome or not?!
Bishounen?!
GETS UP

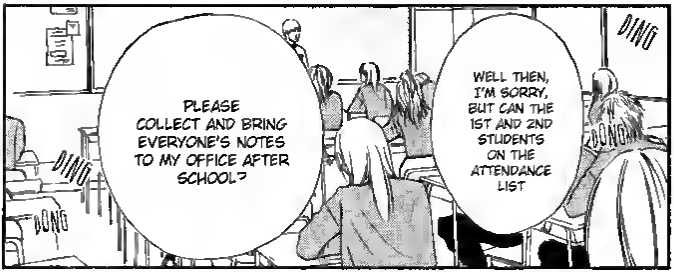

WHAT?..
SHABBY.

GIVE IT BACK!
MY GLASSES.
But this shabbiness is just too much...
C-Crap! I just said that out loud!
BACK AWAY
.....

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES

ERA!
PART
SLIDE ON
A GIRL FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR IS ASKING FOR YOU
GOT IT.
Thanks
Lit
stare
YEAH...
FROM NEXT DOOR?
WAS THAT GUY SMILING TO HIMSELF JUST NOW?
Or maybe it was just my imagination
CLATTER
AH FOR SOME REASON, THAT GUY IS ALWAYS STUDYING...

WHO'S THAT?
"GLASSES PERSON"?
Eh?
AND SO, ERA'S FANS HAVE DECIDED TO CAPTURE THAT "GLASSES PERSON"
They're nothing really to write home about.
UH-HUH...
This means...
Such obsessive fans.
DON'T YOU KNOW? YESTERDAY, ERA WAS CONFESSED TO BY A GIRL FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR
BUT HE REJECTED HER, SAYING "I'M INTERESTED IN THE PERSON WHO STOLE MY GLASSES"...
pssst.
They're in the middle of class right now.
Uh-huh, Uh-huh.
They're going to capture me?
Even though he doesn't know who returned his glasses, he wants to find out...?
his eyesight is so bad he couldn't have recognized me...
...Hmm, but
What? Does Era like me?


DING
DONG
WELL THEN, I'M SORRY, BUT CAN THE 1ST AND 2ND STUDENTS ON THE ATTENDANCE LIST
PLEASE COLLECT AND BRING EVERYONE'S NOTES TO MY OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL?

NUMBER 2-ERA
.....
ATTENDANCE LIST NUMBER 1 AIKAWA

WHAT?
I WONDER IF THIS TOPIC WOULD BE OKAY TO TALK ABOUT WITH ERA.
GLANCE
"GLASSES PERSON", HUH...

AH
LMM...
I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THOSE RUMORS ABOUT THE "GLASSES PERSON" WERE TRUE..
Ahhaha
Ahh... He heard me?!
...I HEARD YOU GOT CONFESSED TO YESTERDAY
AH... THAT.
I SAID THAT BECAUSE THAT GIRL REFUSED TO TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER..
Ahh...
.....
I see.
So that's how it was...
BUT...

I'M REALLY FRUSTRATED WITH THAT "PERSON" WHO TOOK MY GLASSES OFF. I SWEAR I'LL GET MY REVENGE.
!!
SNEAKING...
L...
He's even more sadistic than a snake.
He doesn't sound like he's joking...
I WANT TO CHANGE TOPICS ALREADY
SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER'S ROOM
I'm so glad he hasn't discovered my identity yet...
THIS IS SENSEI'S TABLE, RIGHT?
PROBABLY

Just leave the notes on the table,
and definitely don't touch anything
Don't touch anything
CURIOUS...
A NOTE-BOOK?
A PHOTO...?
I want to see...!
It's okay, right?
It's just for a bit
I'll just take a quick look and put it back right away...
Just one small little look
But...!
GLANCE
Argh
I can't just let this opportunity slip away
Era's here, so there's no way I can do it!
No, I can't
Ah!

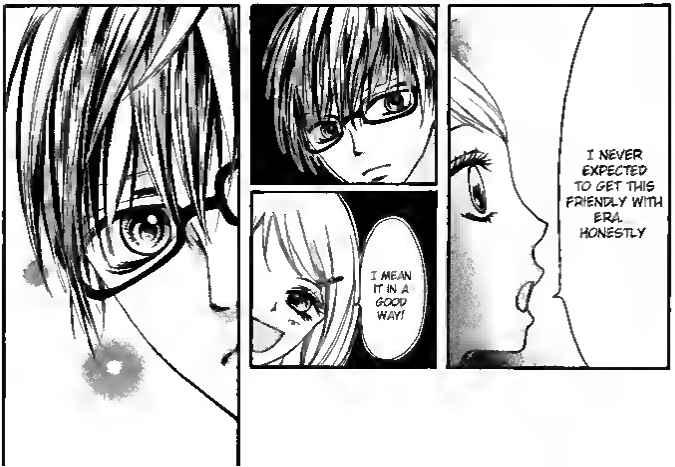
Shake
Shake
Huh,?
NOD
PULL
OUT

SFX: OPEN
SFX: RUSTLE
Gorilla...
PFF-!!
HAHAHAHA
Ahhh My stomach hurts!
Breathe
HA HA HA HA
Pat Pat
Pat Pat
PFFFFF!
I can't stop my tears!

I haven't laughed like this
in ages.
ERA!
GORILLA BEAUTY?
PFFT!
.....
MORN-ING!
GOOD MOR-NING
.....

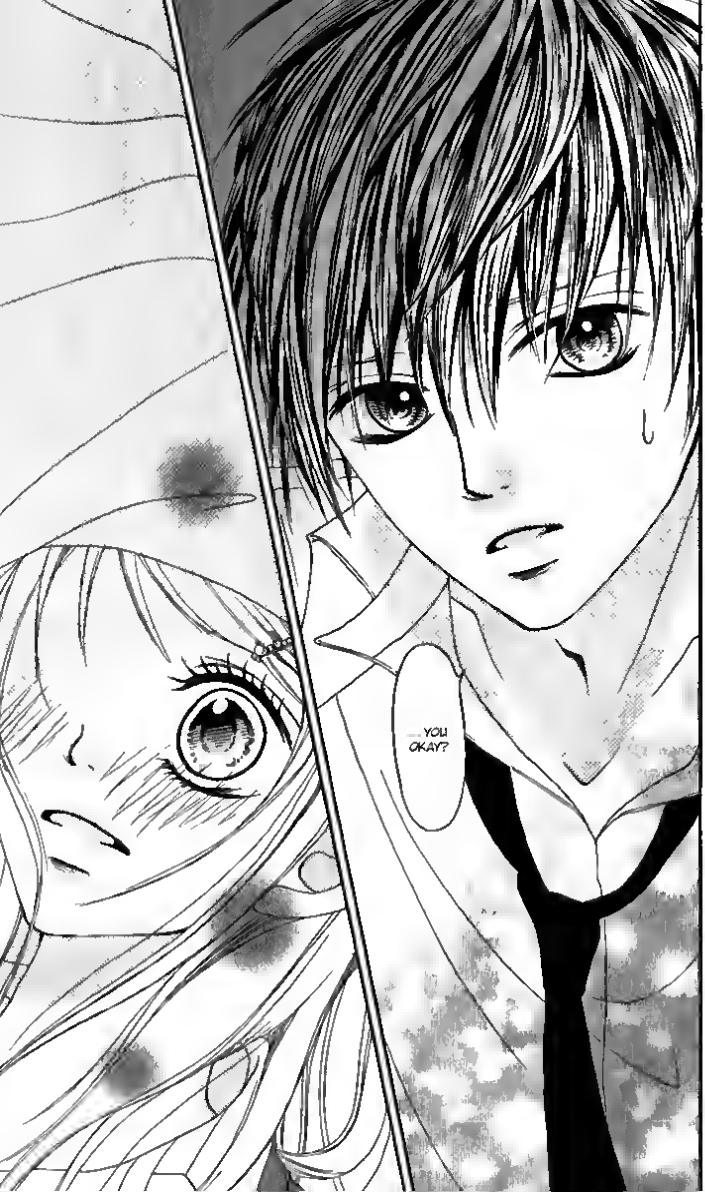
MY NOSE DRIPPED
.....
Kyahaha!
KANNA, SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME GOOD FRIENDS WITH ERA?
EH?
Oh yeah...
before, we didn't really have anything to talk about...
SOMEHOW IT FEELS NICE TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIM
Thanks, stranger.
the usual pair...
.....
SO AFTER THIS, CAN THE USUAL PAIR
PLEASE TAKE THE MAPS TO THE ARCHIVES ROOM?

I AGREE
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE WE'VE BECOME ERRAND RUNNERS?
I wonder
WHY DIDN'T HE CHOOSE NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 3 FROM THE CLASS LIST INSTEAD?..
Damn
WAIT...
Hey
I'm not planning to run away from duty.
What's with that damn?
WELL, AS LONG AS IT'S WITH ERA, IT'S NOT TOO HARD TO DO.
SOMEHOW, IT'S FUN
Even though it's just errands
HAHA!


I NEVER EXPECTED TO GET THIS FRIENDLY WITH ERA. HONESTLY
I MEAN IT IN A GOOD WAY!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES
Do not enter
Tch.
Kouji
...
...ME TOO.
ARCHIVES ROOM
ot enter
Tip-toe...
Tip-toe...
Careful
BUMP
WAH
GRAB
CLATTER
.....
WOBBLE
AHAHA
THAT SURPRISED ME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BAM!
OUCH!
FALL
I'M SORRY...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AH,
HIS GLASSES...
They fell that far?
This means...
Now...
BATMAN
BATMAN
BATMAN
SPY
BATHUMP


...YOU OKAY?

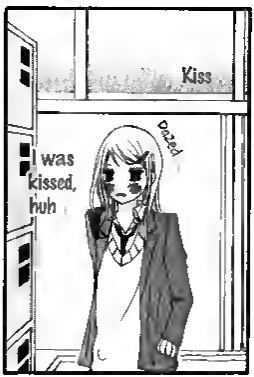
Eh?
That hurts
Is this true?!
SFX: STARE
No way...
It can't be...
Stare
.....
Was Era this cool looking before?!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO
TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES

What just happened?!

Close

Could it be
that Era
is actually in love with me . ?


Kiss
Dazed
I was kissed, huh

Era!
Era!

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES
I ENDED UP HIDING...
BATHUMP
HIDE
NOT GOOD...
WHAT IS THIS?
TURN
Bathump
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

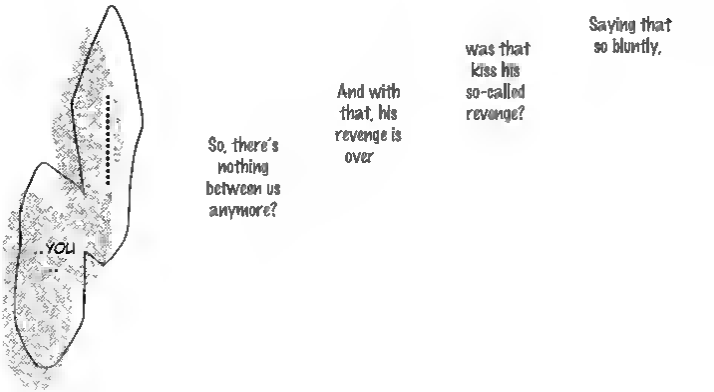
I want to know the meaning behind that kiss
Era
just see his face and my heart
starts beating loudly.
I wonder how he's feeling?
Bathump
Bathump
Bathump
Bathump
Bathump
Bathump

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT ANYMORE.
He doesn't care?
Even though he kissed me?
What's with that?
WHO IS SHE? THE "GLASSES PERSON"?
How does he know...
Hold on... Back then,
he just
picked up his glasses without any hesitation
He could see them.

So in the end, I was the only one who didn't know...
I want to know...

I'M REALLY FRUSTRATED WITH THE "PERSON" WHO TOOK MY GLASSES OFF. I SWEAR I'LL GET MY REVENGE


Saying that so bluntly,
was that kiss his so-called revenge?
And with that, his revenge is over
So, there's nothing between us anymore?
..you

YOU'RE SUCH A DESPICABLE PERSON, ERA——!
DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT YOUR PLAN FOR REVENGE
WAS A SUCCESS!
BEING IGNORED BY YOU IS NOTHING!
NOTHING AT ALL.

I'm about to cry...
Ah...
This is bad.
SHOULD WE GO SOMEWHERE QUIET TO TALK?
People are watching.
IT'S NOTHING
THE ONE AVOIDING ME ALL DAY WAS YOU.
BUT YOU IGNORED ME...
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET REVENGE ON YOU...
THEN, WHY DID YOU KISS ME?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT I STARTED TO LIKE YOU...?

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES

I don't need your sympathy because I don't want you to see my shy face.
AH... THAT I WAS TRAUMATIZED BECAUSE OF THOSE WORDS.
SORRY FOR SAYING THAT YOU WERE SHABBY..
The first time
WAHAHA
CAN I TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES NOW?
Don't even think about it.
NO!
OH, COME ON! THIRD TIME LUCKY!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THEN.. ARE YOU JUST EXTREMELY SHORT-SIGHTED?
SHUT UP!

< YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES > "END"
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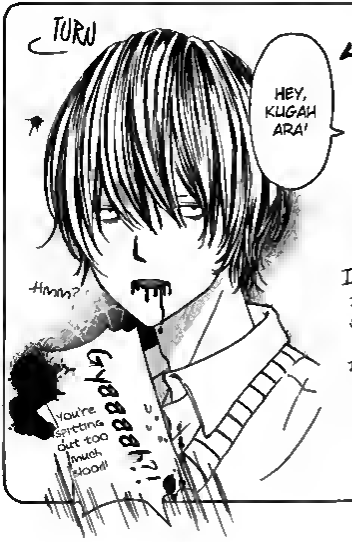
You're Not Supposed To Take Off Those Glasses

I just went with flow of the glasses boy boom (it already passed peak hour, though) Drawing glasses is tough (for me), so my designs were quite simple.

When I wake up in the morning, my face is always so swollen, so I used my experience to create Era's character I wonder if, in this world, there's actually a high school boy who cares about his swollen face It's a mystery



Lips that Fantasize

This was my debut work which had an overwhelming attack power. I have a bunch of things that I wanted to talk about... But I must control myself... I'll just say one thing.

In the story, there's a scene where the main character is supposed to show her abs, but it looks like she pinches her fat instead. That was truly regrettable. I definitely think so! It makes me want to shout "Have you really got a six-pack?!" In other words, this was an unforgettable work.

Steady Study

Chapter 4

SCANNER: HELLOSUGAH
TRANSLATORS: AYASE & SUBARU
PROOFREADER: ELLE BEAR
CLEANER: ANNAAN
TYPE-SETTER: DANGG
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Lips that
Fantasize

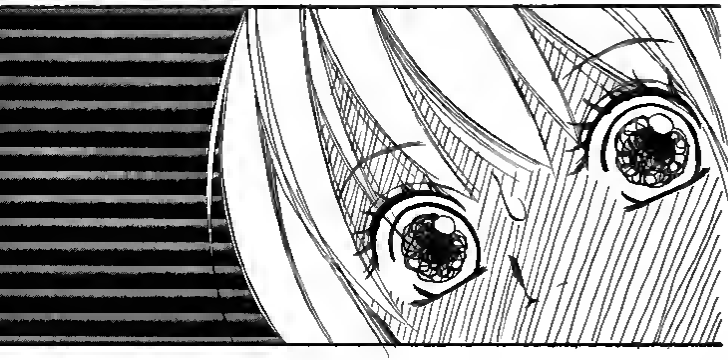
AKI!
YOU'RE PART OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE TODAY.
Why are you going home?
HUH?
WHAT?
IT'S CAUSE YOU SKIPPED HOMEROOM!
AH, SO BOTHERSOME!
I'M LEAVING...
YOU ALWAYS DO YOUR DUTIES PROPERLY THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT YOU
KUGAHARA!
Hmmm...
AND YET

LIPS THAT FANTASIZE
STARE
ARE YOU GOING TO A GOUKON* TODAY?
*GOUKON MEANS GROUP DATING; WHERE MALES AND FEMALES ARE INTRODUCED TO EACH OTHER THROUGH THEIR FRIENDS.
?
rustle
rustle
.....
here
DR-
-OP
THP
THP
I HAVEN'T HAD...
ARE THEY SERIOUS?!
I'll try my best.

LIBRARY
RATTLE
A PROPER CONVERSATION WITH HIM YET...
S-SORRY I'M LATE...
tap tap
AH...! HE'S FINISHED ALREADY...
cries
I just can't talk to him.
THIS IS WHY I DON'T LIKE HIM!
ARE YOU ANGRY ?
... (SILENCE...)
glance

YOUR LIP IS BLEEDING!
AH
I CAN NEVER GUESS WHAT HE'S THINKING ABOUT
here
here
AH..

I GOT BITTEN.
BI-...



HE WAS THAT KIND OF GUY?!

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DID HAVE A CONDOM EARLIER, DIDN'T HE?

IN THE LIBRARY.. NO WAY...

How shameless!

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT...
AHH...
THUMP
KUGAHARA!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
NO... NO... NO... NO! WHY DOES MY HEART KEEP BEATING SO FAST? I SHOULDN'T HAVE LOOKED AT HIM
SO, CAN YOU BUY ME A DRINK?
SORRY! I JUST SAW YOU GOING OUT
Oh, dear
Oh, dear
Orange
Clunk...
shake
shake
HUH...IS HE LAUGHING!?
Eh
Fruits bits
!!!
CHILL
WHY THE HELL DOES THIS HAVE FRUIT BITS..!
Shit. I can't drink this!
*T/N: THE FRUIT BITS ARE BLOCKING THE DRINK FROM COMING THROUGH THE STRAW. LOL. IT'S A PRACTICAL JOKE.

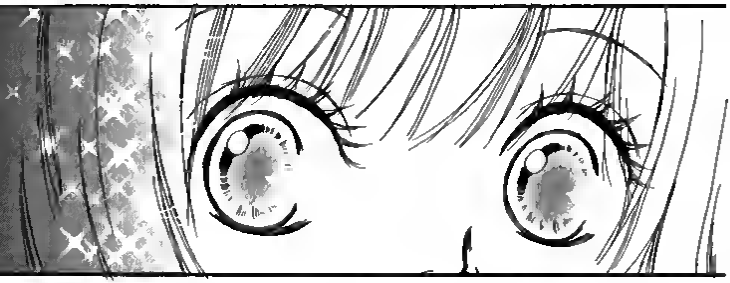
THIS GUY LIKES PLAYING PRANKS?
COULD IT BE...
Seriously?
AH HE JUST GOT HIS FINGER CAUGHT IN HIS PENCIL CASE.
SINCE HE LOOKED SO HAPPY JUST NOW
PROBABLY
AHH! HE LICKED IT!
It hurts
...SO...MYSTER-IOUS...

LIBRARY
Ah,
MIKAWA -SAN, YOU'RE EARLY TODAY
AIZAWA -SENSEI IS ALREADY HERE, HUH
HE STILL HASN'T COME

I SHOULD DO THIS OCCASIONALLY
Work, I mean
HMM...SO, TODAY...
AH! I MADE A MISTAKE!
Oh, dear!
ER...SER?

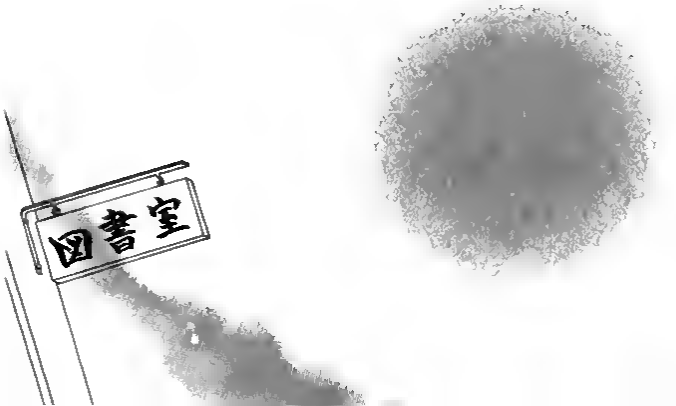
SMIRK
THANK YOU.
DROP
TH..
PENCIL LEAD
WHEN PENCIL LEAD IS PRESSED INTO AN ERASER INSTEAD OF ERASING IT DRAWS ACCORDING TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE ERASER
IT
CAN'T BE
WHAT? I CAN'T ERASE IT WELL
Why?
Why? I wonder

FFFT—
AWWWW



AH
I GOT BITTEN
NOW, I'M DEFINITELY SURE HE LOVES TO TEASE PEOPLE JUST LIKE A LITTLE KID...
AH,
YOU PROBABLY DID THAT YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
I WONDER IF HE SAW IT

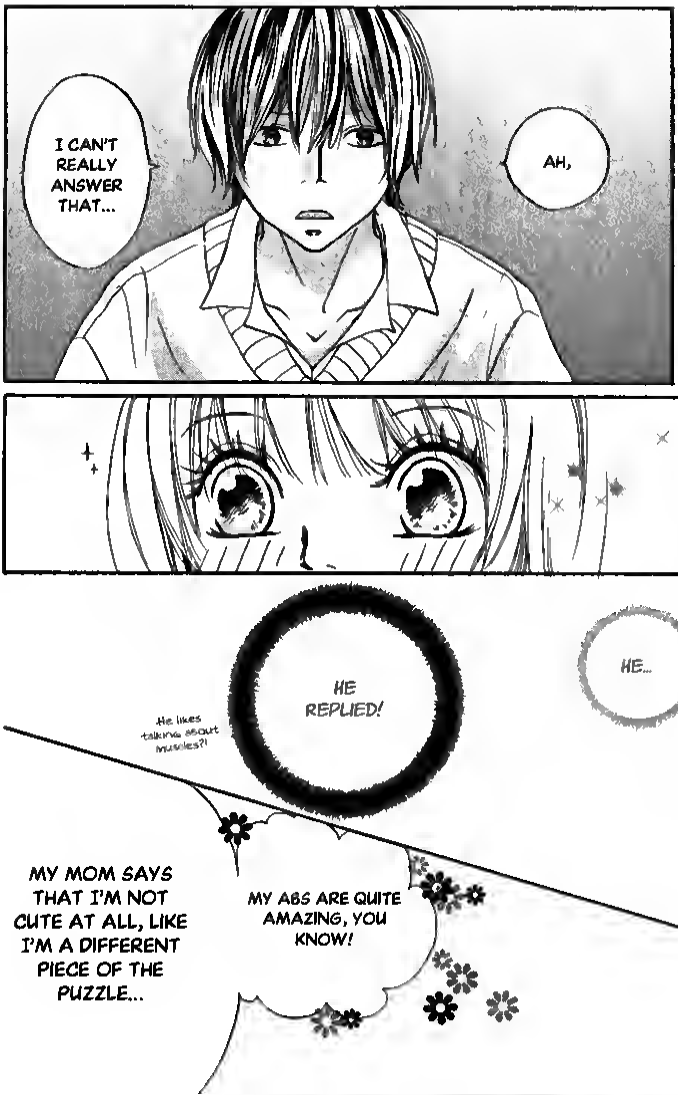
*SIGN: LIBRARY



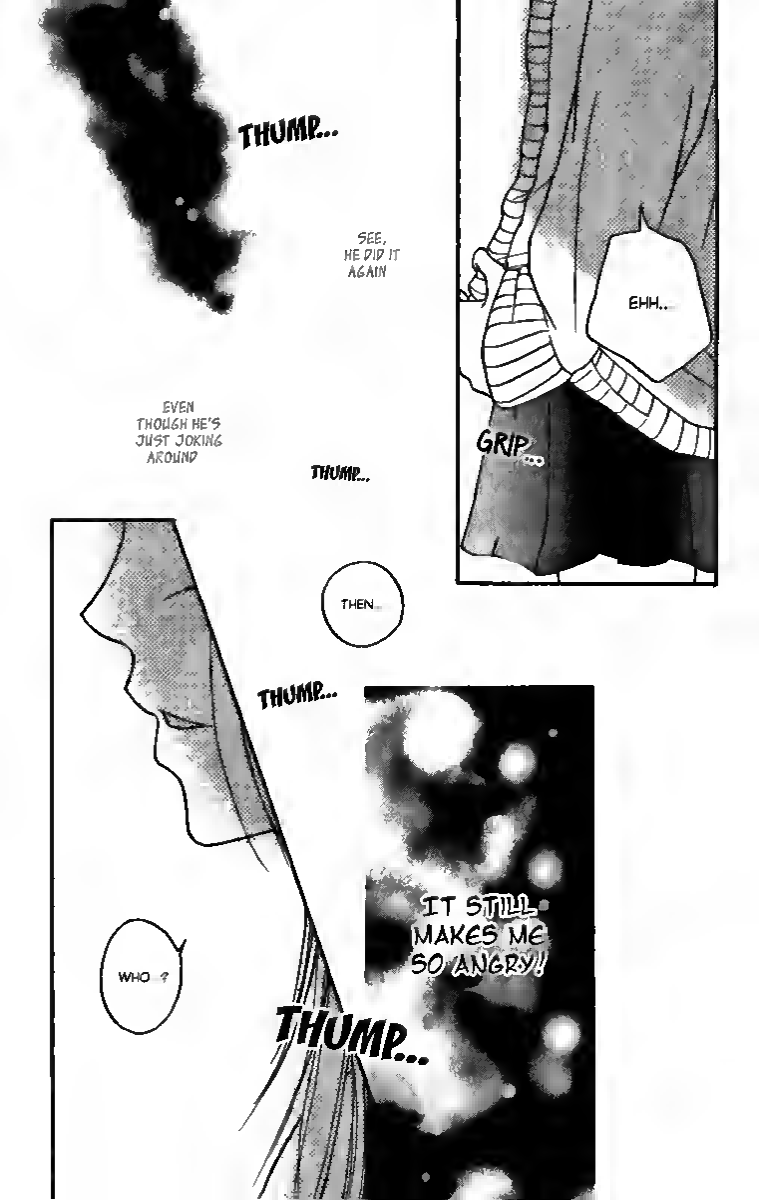
HEY, KUGAHARA, WHERE DID YOU BUY THAT CAN OF LUMPY ORANGE JUICE?
YOU LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE BEING TRICKED, RIGHT?
EVEN IF I TRY TO TALK TO HIM, HE DOESN'T ANSWER
WHAT THE...

THIS
GUY...

LOOK MY WAY, HUH?
WON'T EVEN
HAH?
STA—
—RE
What are you looking at? Just to your left. #vein pop#
Ah, um...?
OH, YOU MIGHT THINK I'M A PERVERT IF I KEEP STARING AT YOU LIKE THIS!
Ahahaha!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ACTUALLY QUITE MUSCULAR, HUH?


I CAN'T REALLY ANSWER THAT...
AH,
HE REPLIED!
He likes talking about muscles?!
HE...
MY MOM SAYS THAT I'M NOT CUTE AT ALL, LIKE I'M A DIFFERENT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE...
MY ABS ARE QUITE AMAZING, YOU KNOW!

I DON'T EVEN SHOW MINE TO MY FAMILY, THOUGH.
Trying to show her abs.
HIS FAMILY?

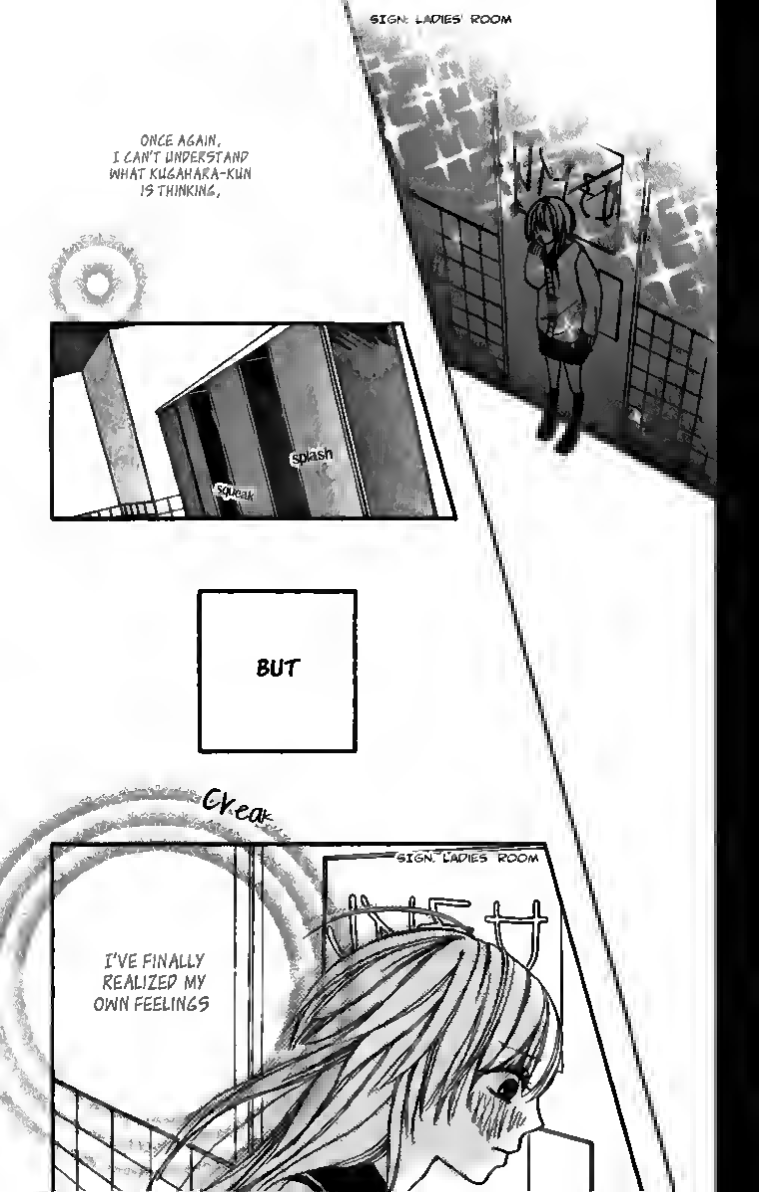

THUMP...
SEE, HE DID IT AGAIN
EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST JOKING AROUND
THUMP...
EHH..
GRIP...
THEN...
THUMP...
IT STILL MAKES ME SO ANGRY!
WHO ?
THUMP...

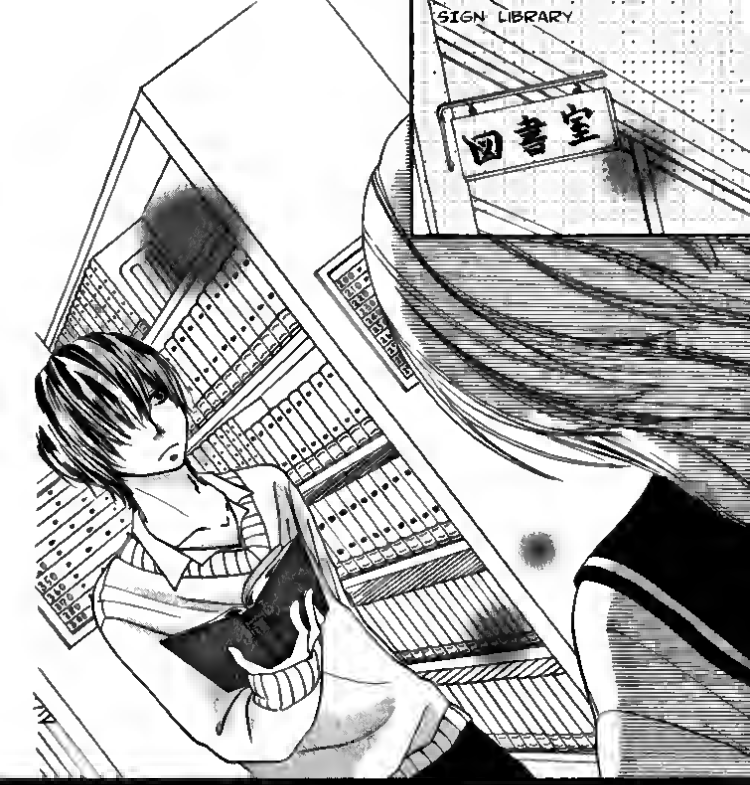
*T/N: AKI IS THE GIRL'S NAME

BAM!
HAVE YOU TWO FINISHED YOUR WORK?
Sorry for the intrusion.
AIZAWA -SENSEI.
Ah...
THAT WAS CLOSE...
OH, KUGAHARA -KUN,
I SEE THAT THE CUT ON YOUR LIP HAS FINALLY HEALED.
You don't hesitate to speak with a teacher
CLATTER

EH?
AH, YEAH.
SO... IT WAS LIKE THAT?
I'M GOING TO THE TOILET...
WHAT...?
*T/N: A TERM FOR (OLDER) WOMEN WHO DATE YOUNGER MEN.
ARE YOU A COUGAR* OR SOMETHING?
WHISPER
I WAS AIZAWA -SENSE!
AIZAWA SENSEI BIT KUGAHARA KUN'S LIP...
A COUGAR?
EH?

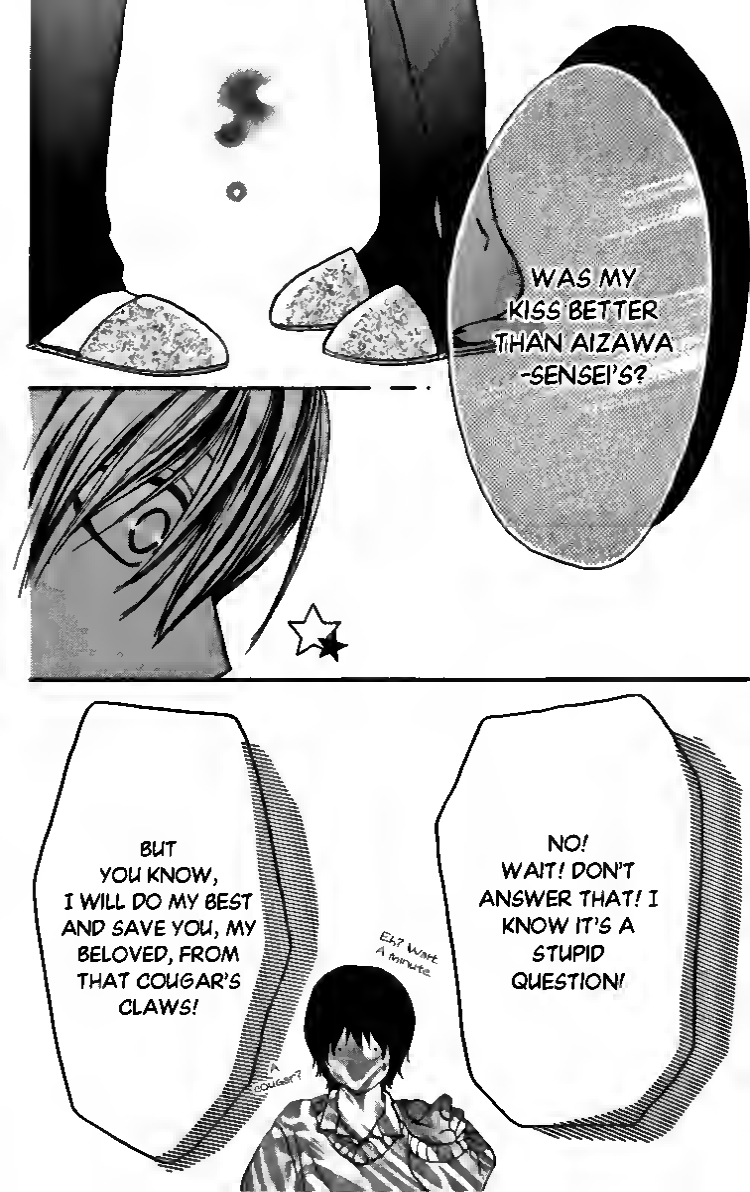
SHE KISSED KUGAHARA -KUN—...


SIGN. LADIES' ROOM
ONCE AGAIN, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT KUGAHARA-KUN IS THINKING,
splash
squeak
BUT
Creak
SIGN. LADIES' ROOM
I'VE FINALLY REALIZED MY OWN FEELINGS



I WANT TO KISS HIM.

I LIKE THIS GUY.

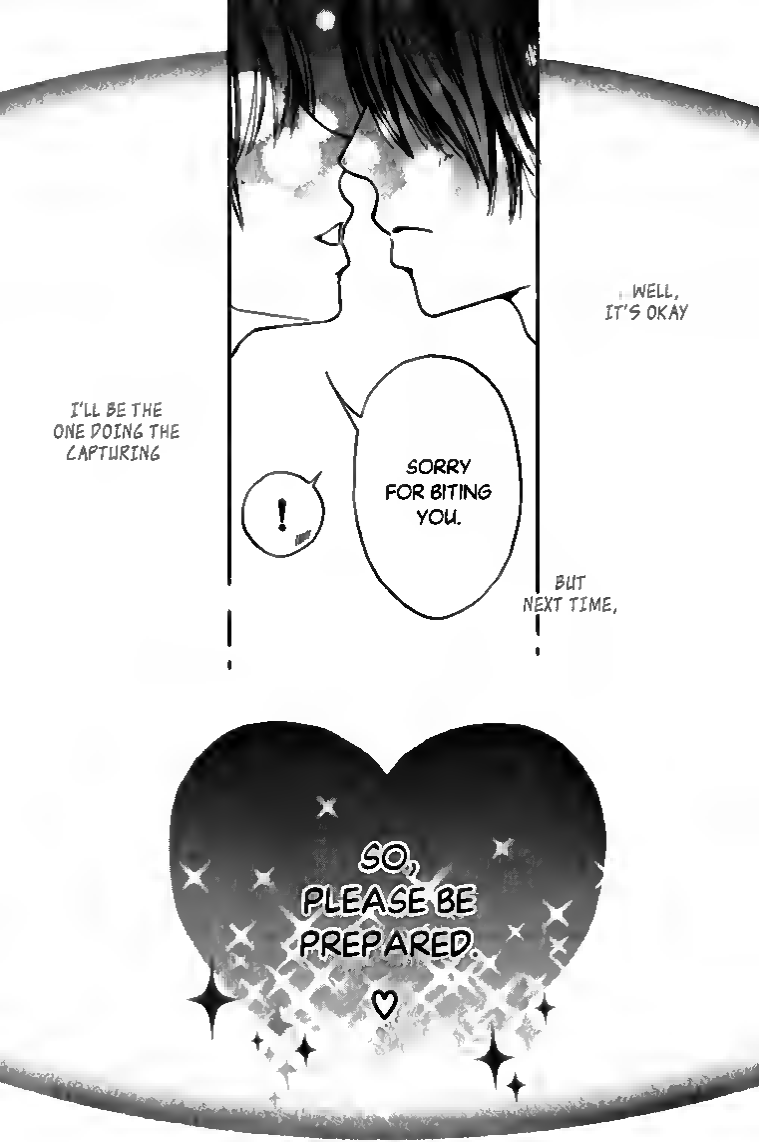

WAS MY KISS BETTER THAN AIZAWA -SENSEI'S?
NO! WAIT! DON'T ANSWER THAT! I KNOW IT'S A STUPID QUESTION!
Eh? Wait A Minute
A COUGAR?
BUT YOU KNOW, I WILL DO MY BEST AND SAVE YOU, MY BELOVED, FROM THAT COUGAR'S CLAWS!

THAT'S WHY,
I WANT YOU TO LOOK ONLY AT ME.
WELL SAID.
I JUST WANTED TO TEASE YOU A BIT.
Hen

THERE'S ONLY ONE MISUNDER-STANDING THAT I NEED TO CLEAR UP

AND YOUR LIP STARTED BLEEDING?
What's that? Alpha?
YOU JUST BUMPED INTO THE BOOKSHELF

YOU'RE JUST A NATURAL AIRHEAD!
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
So I couldn't see Aizawa-sensei
Yeah.
MY CONTACTS CAME OUT.


WELL, IT'S OKAY
I'LL BE THE ONE DOING THE CAPTURING
SORRY FOR BITING YOU.
!
BUT NEXT TIME,
SO, PLEASE BE PREPARED.
♡

EMERGENCY PROJECT

VERIFYING THE 3 DANGERS!

*SHIRT TAG: TAMURA

BOOK: ROOKIES' BATTLE

THAT'S THE ONE I WROTE WHEN I JOINED THE WONDERFUL EVENT.

"ROOKIES' BATTLE FOR A NEW SERIALIZATION"

Refer to the appendix.

IT'S BASED ON A ONE-PAGE MANGA WHICH I WROTE BEFORE "STEADY STUDY."

HELLO EVERYONE. I'VE JUST STARTED THIS PROJECT

TMR

*SFX: ACK !!

AND AFTER MUCH SPECULATION, I REALIZED 3 DANGERS LURKING BEHIND THE SHADOWS OF THE APPEALING WORD "SERIALIZATION"..

A WORLD WHERE NUMEROUS DANGERS ARE PRESENT!

CYARA

Haaah

A SERIALIZATION... IT'S AN UNKNOWN WORLD...

IT MUST BE.

CYARA

rumble

rumble

*SHIRT TAG: TAMURA

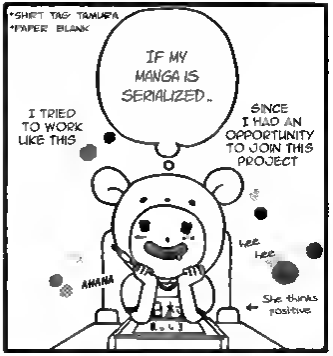
FIRST THINGS FIRST. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THAT 1 PAGE MANGA!

(THE VERIFICATION STARTS FROM THE NEXT PAGE)

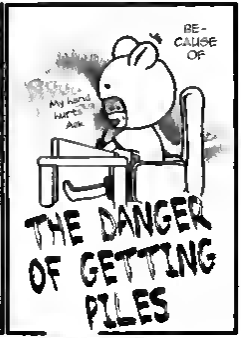
GO!

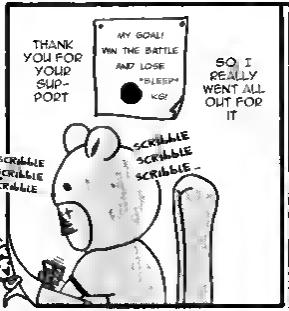
THAT'S HOW IT IS. AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO VERIFY THAT I WAS ACTUALLY EXPOSED TO THOSE DANGERS DURING "STEADY STUDY'S" SERIALIZATION.

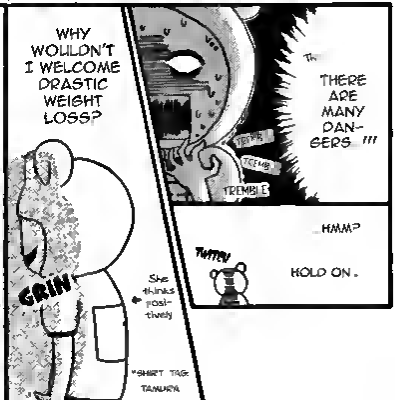
VERIFYING THE 3 DANGERS!

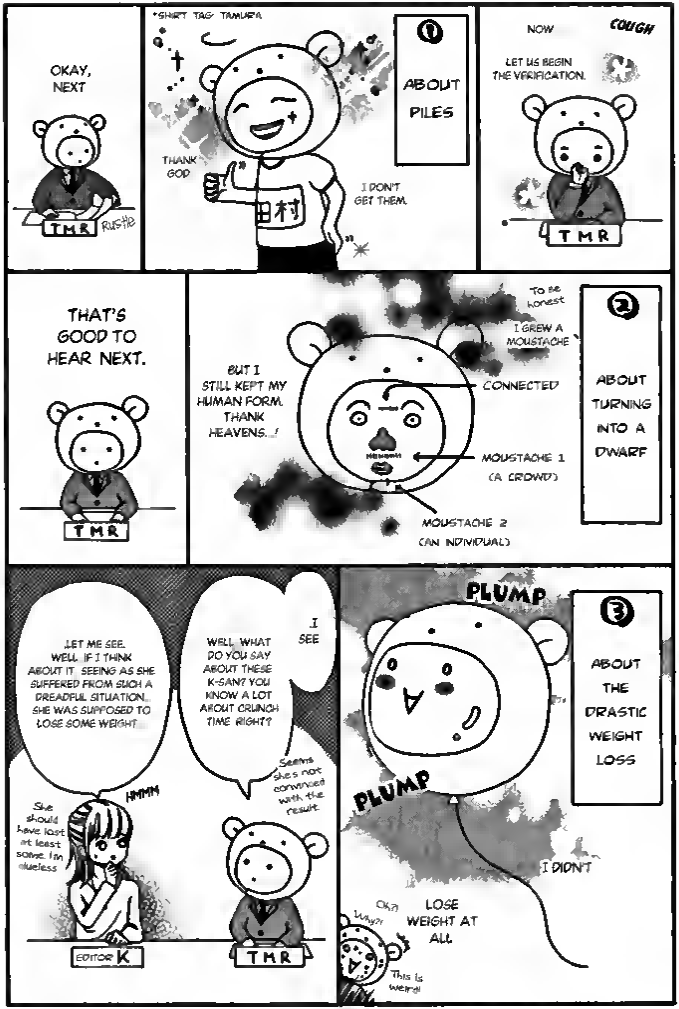


BECAUSE MY MOUSTACHE RUNS WILD WITH THE DECLINE IN FEMININITY
I've become more aware of my moustache than ever
THE DANGER OF BECOMING A DWARF

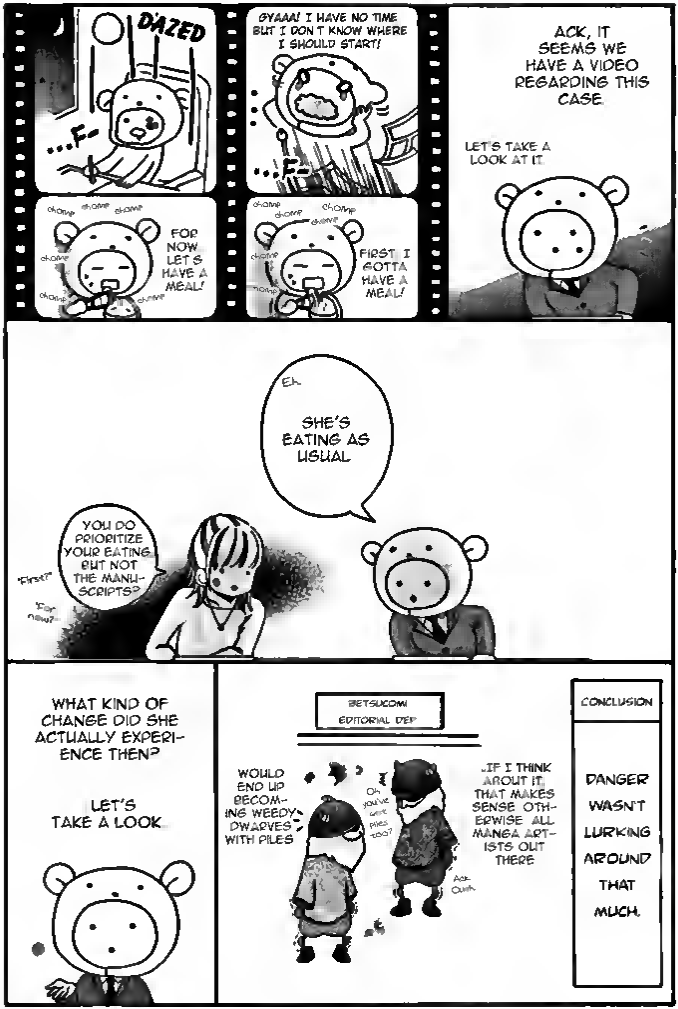


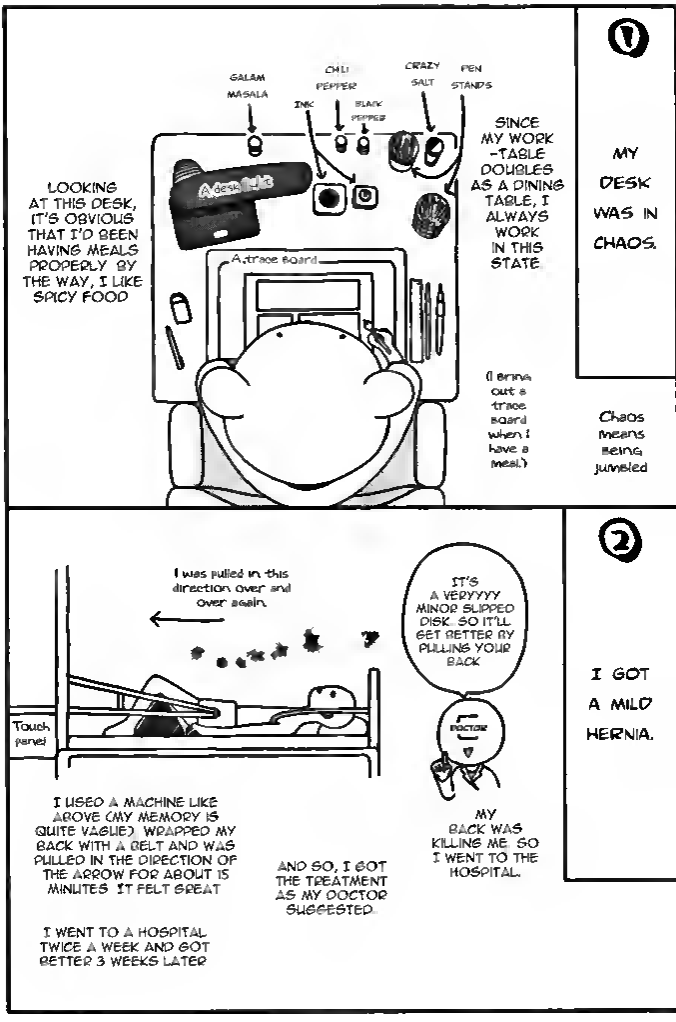

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUP-PORT
MY GOAL! WIN THE BATTLE AND LOSE *SLEEP* KG!
SO I REALLY WENT ALL OUT FOR IT
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE..
Give it




OKAY, NEXT
TMR
RUSTLE
*SHIRT TAG: TANAKA
THANK GOD
I DON'T GET THEM.
1
ABOUT PILES
NOW
COUGH
LET US BEGIN THE VERIFICATION.
TMR
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR NEXT.
TMR
BUT I STILL KEPT MY HUMAN FORM. THANK HEAVENS...!
TO BE HONEST
I GREW A MOUSTACHE
CONNECTED
MOUSTACHE 1 (A CROWD)
MOUSTACHE 2 (AN INDIVIDUAL)
2
ABOUT TURNING INTO A DWARF
LET ME SEE. WELL, IF I THINK ABOUT IT, SEEING AS SHE SUFFERED FROM SUCH A DREADFUL SITUATION, SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO LOSE SOME WEIGHT...
HMMM
She should have lost at least some, I'm clueless
EDITOR K
WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT THESE K-SAN? YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT CRUNCH TIME, RIGHT?
I SEE
Seems she's not convinced with the result.
TMR
PLUMP
PLUMP
I DIDN'T
LOSE WEIGHT AT ALL
Ok?!
Why?!
This is weird!
3
ABOUT THE DRASTIC WEIGHT LOSS

VERIFYING THE 3 DANGERS!


DAZED
...F-
GYAAA! I HAVE NO TIME BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE I SHOULD START!
..F-
OMNOM
FOR NOW LET'S HAVE A MEAL!
FIRST, I GOTTA HAVE A MEAL!
ACK, IT SEEMS WE HAVE A VIDEO REGARDING THIS CASE.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
EH.
SHE'S EATING AS USUAL
YOU DO PRIORITIZE YOUR EATING, BUT NOT THE MANU-SCRIPTS?
"First?"
"Eat now?"
WHAT KIND OF CHANGE DID SHE ACTUALLY EXPERI-ENCE THEN?
LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
BETSUCOM EDITORIAL DEP.
WOULD END UP BECOM-ING WEEDY DWARVES WITH PILES
OH, YOU'VE GOT PILES, TOO?
ACK. OUCH.
..IF I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT MAKES SENSE OTH-ERWISE ALL MANGA ART-ISTS OUT THERE
CONCLUSION
DANGER WASN'T LURKING AROUND THAT MUCH.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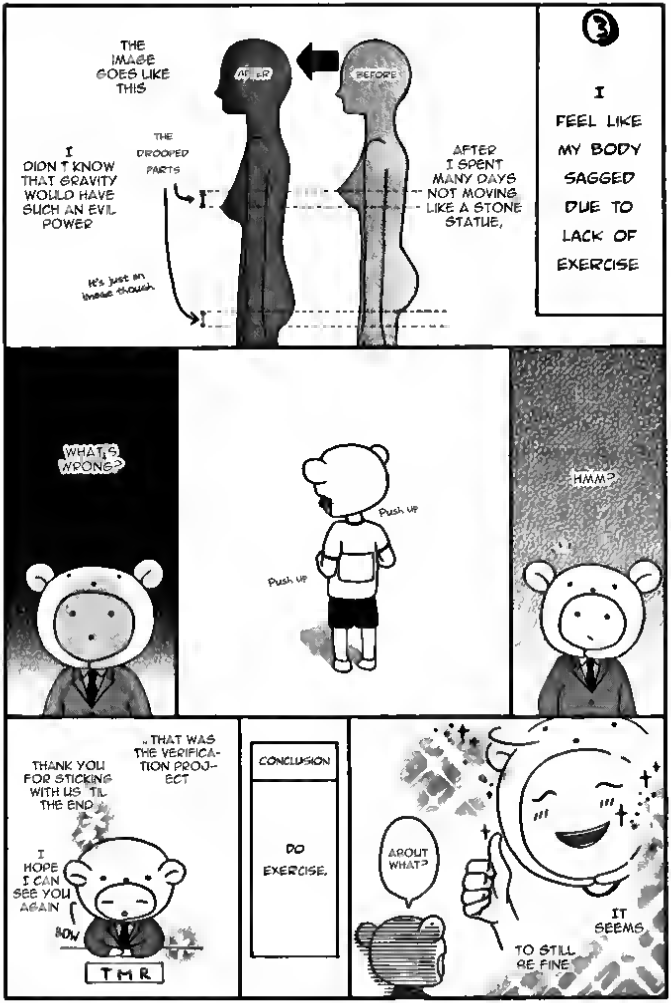
MY DESK WAS IN CHAOS.
GARAM MASALA
CHILI PEPPER
CRAZY SALT
PEN STANDS
INK
BLACK PEPPER
A desk lamp
A trace board
LOOKING AT THIS DESK, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I'D BEEN HAVING MEALS PROPERLY BY THE WAY, I LIKE SPICY FOOD
SINCE MY WORK-TABLE DOUBLES AS A DINING TABLE, I ALWAYS WORK IN THIS STATE
(I bring out a trace board when I have a meal.)
Chaos means being jumbled
2
I GOT A MILD HERNIA.
I was pulled in this direction over and over again.
Touch panel
I USED A MACHINE LIKE ABOVE (MY MEMORY IS QUITE VAGUE) WRAPPED MY BACK WITH A BELT AND WAS PULLED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. IT FELT GREAT
I WENT TO A HOSPITAL TWICE A WEEK AND GOT BETTER 3 WEEKS LATER
AND SO, I GOT THE TREATMENT AS MY DOCTOR SUGGESTED.
IT'S A VERYYYY MINOR SLIPPED DISK. SO IT'LL GET BETTER BY PULLING YOUR BACK
DOCTOR
MY BACK WAS KILLING ME. SO I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL.

VERIFYING THE 3 DANGERS!


THE IMAGE GOES LIKE THIS
AFTER
BEFORE
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT GRAVITY WOULD HAVE SUCH AN EVIL POWER
THE DROOPED PARTS
It's just an image though
AFTER I SPENT MANY DAYS NOT MOVING LIKE A STONE STATUE,
?
I FEEL LIKE MY BODY SAGGED DUE TO LACK OF EXERCISE
WHAT'S WRONG?
Push up
Push up
HMM?
THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH US 'TIL THE END
..THAT WAS THE VERIFICATION PROJECT
I HOPE I CAN SEE YOU AGAIN
BOW
TMR
CONCLUSION
DO EXERCISE.
ABOUT WHAT?
IT SEEMS TO STILL BE FINE.

<VERIFYING THE 3 DANGERS!>* END *

AFTERWORD

A HERB

THIS IS FOR YOU, WHO ACCIDENTALLY READ UNTIL THIS PAGE AND WASTED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ENERGY

THIS IS THE LAST PAGE. IT MAKES ME CRY A BIT. I APPRECIATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLISHING THIS BOOK, AS WELL AS EVERYONE'S SUPPORT, WITH ALL MY HEART.

AND YOU RIGHT THERE! THANK YOU FOR READING THIS BOOK UNTIL THE LAST PAGE

...THEN, I'LL KEEP TRYING MY BEST IN GATHERING NEW STORIES, SO I WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT BLANK PAGES IF I RECEIVE AN OFFER OF A NEW COMIC. I ALWAYS ACT AHEAD OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

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FC★モバイル

すっごいサイトができちゃった♥

ケータイでアクセスしてね!

※別途通信料がかかります。

ココイチ 人気FCの1話目ためし読みが300タイトル以上!!

どんどん増えていってま～す♪

ココイチ2 毎週更新!無料待ち受け!!
Sho-Comi・チーズ!・ベツコミ人気作品の待ち受けが無料でGETできちゃう♪

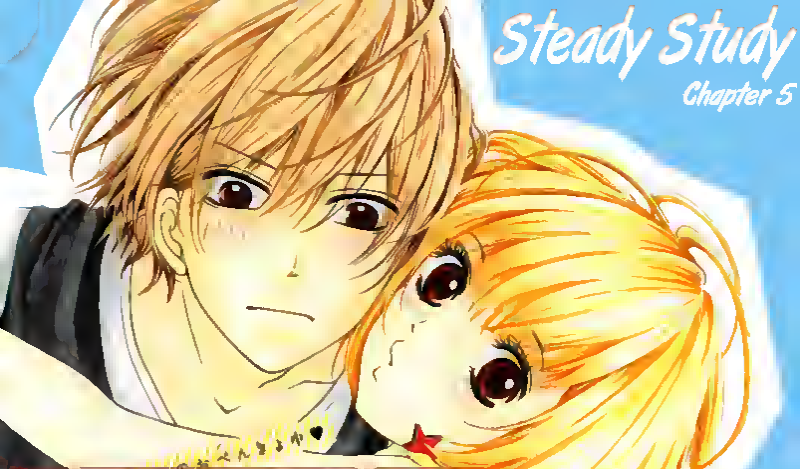
ココイチ3 毎日占い
自分の星座も友達の星座もチェックして♪

ココイチ4 FC★ゲーム
サイコロが落ちてくるFlashゲームで遊んでね♪ 特典にあわせてプレミアム待ち受けがもらえるよ!

ココイチ5 メルマガ
無料メルマガに登録するとSho-Comi・チーズ!・ベツコミの雑誌&FC情報がかわいいデコメで届いちゃう♪

Steady Study

Chapter 5



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